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TO : SAC, WFO

FROM : TOLLEF JACOBSON, SA

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: AUG 17 1951

On July 10, 1951, subject voluntarily appeared at the WFO and was interviewed by Special Agent [REDACTED] and the writer. [REDACTED] stated that he was a former member of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia and decided to furnish information. He desired that his identity be kept confidential.

[REDACTED] He stated that as of the same date he had [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he had been a member of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia from about 1947 to the latter part of 1950 during which time he was a member of the Newspaper Club. He stated that after a period of time following the beginning of the war in Korea he broke with the CP stating that the Korean war was the deciding event which caused him to completely sever his relations with the Communist Party. He explained by saying, approximately April 1950, his thinking had been brought around to the point in which he doubted some of the concepts and truths of the Communist Party and that from that time on his activities and his active participation in discussing in the Newspaper Club did not completely follow a Communist Party line. It is noted

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that [] is [] years of age and at one point in the interview he contended that his thinking along the Communist Party lines was possibly due to his age at the time of his joining the CP.

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stated that the war had not accomplished its purpose and he was dissatisfied with the post war world as he found it. For a time he became strongly interested in the experiment of the British Socialist Government but eventually reached the conclusion that it was not to be a success. Thereafter, he began reading Marxist literature on his own initiative and became converted to Communism.

[]
to the best of his recollection, [] he walked into the main headquarters of the Communist Party in New York City and asked how one could become a Communist. He stated that at the Party headquarters in New York City he talked with [] (phonetic) who invited him to spend an evening at her apartment where he was introduced to other members of the Party. He joined the Party [] and he stated that a CP membership card was issued under his own name. He added that he attended one or two Party meetings []
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[] said that he went to the Communist Party headquarters on 9th Street here in Washington, D. C., in an effort to join the Party here. He recalled that he talked to a woman named [] in the headquarters []
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to apply for a position. He did not mention his name orally while at CP headquarters. He wrote his name on a piece of paper. However, the above-mentioned [] repeated his name aloud whereupon [] became disconcerted as he felt that the premises might be under some kind of surveillance. He immediately left the headquarters and made no further attempt to join the Party at that time. []

[]

Thereafter, [] said he became a member of the Newspaper Club of the CP and attended meetings of the club. The best estimate that he could make was that he attended [] such meetings. He stated that they generally were held every two weeks at the homes of various members of the club. He stated that these meetings were very informal. No parliamentary procedure was followed. He also stated that on some occasions persons who were not members of the Newspaper Club attended these meetings, more or less in a social manner. During these meetings, according to [] discussions were had concerning events of the day including such matters as concentration of wealth in the United States, the formation of a third party, and how best to awaken the American people. He pointed out also that the membership of the Newspaper Club fluctuated a great deal. He stated that the club was split up for reasons of security around 1948 in the group system. To the best of his recollection, he was never issued a membership card or book while a member of the Newspaper Club. It was his belief that []

[] furnished the names of the following individuals as having attended meetings of the Newspaper Club at one time or another while he was a

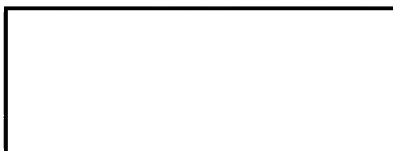
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member. With regard to TRAVIS HEDRICK, [] said that it was his belief that HEDRICK had dropped his active membership in the Newspaper Club before he, [] became a member of it, but he had no actual knowledge or evidence of membership on HEDRICK's part.

It is noted that these persons were named by [] as having been present at meetings at one time or another which he attended.

ROB HALL
AIDEN TODD
RICHARD SASULY
IRVING LICHTENSTEIN
SYLVIA LICHTENSTEIN
JOHN B. STONE
MILLIE HEDRICK
TOM BUCHANAN
NATALIE LAMKEN
AL SHERMAN
POLLY SHERMAN
FRED VAST
MEL FISKE
DONALD POND
GERALD COOK (phonetic)
RICKEY KRAMER (female)
RALPH IZZARD (attended meetings for a while)

When the group system was adopted the membership was reduced to the following:



He stated that officers were elected for the Newspaper Club. With regard to payment of dues, [] stated that he could not recall the identity of the Treasurer during his earliest membership in the Newspaper Club but stated that he did recall NATALIE LAMKEN and AIDEN TODD as having been treasurers of this club. He stated that due to the informality of the group on some occasions he paid persons other than the Treasurer his dues []

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[redacted] He mentioned that the dues were collected on a monthly basis [redacted]

was asked if during his membership in the Newspaper Club he had performed any tasks for the party. His reply was that he had contributed to several projects which he believed were for the use of the Communist Party. One of these projects he said was [redacted]

[redacted] He said that it was a decision of the club that such a project be carried out and each of the members was to handle a different aspect of the subject. [redacted] analysis amounted to [redacted] and he turned it over to [redacted] also said that he prepared [redacted]

He said that he thought that it was to be used for [redacted]

[redacted] said that he never knew whether any of his writings of this sort were published. He said that he wrote under the name of [redacted]

[redacted] In the above connection, [redacted] said he also prepared [redacted]

[redacted] mentioned that ROB HALL's wife, MICKIE VIRDEN, did not attend any of the club meetings at which [redacted] was present. He mentioned that one meeting was held at ROB HALL's residence.

[redacted] mentioned that TED TINSLEY and JOE NORTH each spoke at a meeting in the club. He said that NORTH had recently returned from a European tour and that TINSLEY had discussed some book which he was writing. [redacted] pointed out that these talks were on a very informal basis.

[redacted] mentioned that he did not think that he had ever seen TRAVIS HEDRICK at a meeting of the club.

Most of the meetings of the club, according to [redacted] were held at the homes of JOHN B. STONE, ALDEN TODD, or the LICHTENSTEINS.

[redacted] mentioned that sometime during his membership in the Newspaper Club the open Party criticized the members of the Newspaper Club for not participating more actively in the affairs promoted by the open Party. [redacted] stated that this was discussed at several of the Newspaper Club meetings and that members of the Newspaper Club felt that due to their employment that they should be afforded more security

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than the members of the open Party. He stated that this was their contention and that they refused to participate in activities of the open Party. Upon reflection, [] mentioned the only open functions attended by him and sponsored by the Communist Party were the PAUL ROBESON Rally held at Turner's Arena and the occasion on which EISLER spoke at the National Press Club which functions were also sponsored by the other organizations.

On July 13, 1951, [] was again interviewed at the Washington Field Office. This interview was conducted by Special Agents [] GILBERT F. BENJAMIN, JR. and the writer at which time further information was furnished by []

[] stated that GERALD COOK, a newspaper man in the employ of the Daily Worker, who was in Washington, D. C., for a few months and returned to New York, attended meetings of the Newspaper Club. [] said he thought that COOK became City Editor of the Daily Worker.

[] said that RALPH IZZARD, whom he described as ROB HALL's number two man in the Washington Bureau of the Daily Worker, attended meetings of the Newspaper Club for a time.

[] said that RICKEY KRAMER belonged to the Newspaper Club for a period of possibly two months. He stated that RICKEY KRAMER, who is a woman of about twenty-two years of age, worked for a British newspaper. He said that she is now married to a newspaper man whose name he does not know and that it is his understanding that she went back to work for a British paper. She said that she lived somewhere in the Anacostia vicinity. [] described RICKEY KRAMER as a "very unCommunist Communist" stating that he did not think that she was at all grounded in Marxism. He stated that at the time she severed her connection with the Newspaper Club she left in tears saying something to the general effect that she had fallen in love with a man in New York and had subscribed one hundred per cent to his ideas. She stated this was how she came to join the club but that she subsequently had found that it was "over her head".

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[redacted] said that he has in the past subscribed to the following publications:

Sunday "Worker"
"Political Affairs"
"New Masses"
"Mainstream"

He said that he thought he made arrangements for the "Worker" through the club. He said that he let his subscription expire and also canceled his subscriptions to the other publications. Thereafter, if he felt like reading the Worker he would buy it at meetings of the club. He said that he has often bought the Daily Worker in the Foyer of the National Press Building in Washington, D. C.

[redacted]
[redacted] He also mentioned that he once wrote a letter to the President of the United States protesting the indictment of the eleven Communist leaders.

[redacted] also stated that [redacted]
[redacted] This he said took place before he had engaged in any Communist activity or had given any thought to the subject of Communism. He said he thought he had [redacted]
[redacted]

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[] mentioned that at one time which he thought was in late 1947 or 1948 the question was being considered as to whether or not the American Newspaper Guild should reaffiliate with the Industrial Union Council. [] felt that it would be a good idea to reaffiliate but that GERTRUDE EVANS was very cold toward this idea stating that if the Guild went back into the Industrial Union Council the result would be a tendency to turn to the "right". [] said that he had no knowledge of Communist activity on the part of GERTRUDE EVANS.

[] said that he had no knowledge of CP membership on the part of JEAN TODD, wife of ALDEN TODD. He said that she never attended meetings to his knowledge.

[] also mentioned that he had met CIARA HALL, ROB HALL's wife, a couple of times but that she had not attended any of the meetings to his knowledge. [] said that []

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In connection with []

[] said that other persons had accompanied him on this project including [] who he said was definitely not a Communist. He said that she was a very dear friend of his and that he considered her a very "militant fellow traveler" but that he would be willing to wager that she never was a Communist. He stated that she was in the Progressive Party and that her attitude was that "we will work with anybody who will work with us". He stated that she has married and is now [] (phonetic).

[] said that at one time he helped get people to picket the White House in an endeavor to get the President to intercede to prevent the []

[] He said that [] engaged in this picketing activity and that some people came down from New York to picket.

[] said that his own activity in this connection was mainly to []

[] He said that he dealt with one [] who he thought was []

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[redacted] He could not recall how he happened to meet [redacted] who he said was from New York. He said that she came to Washington with her sister and another woman. [redacted] added that [redacted] in Washington was helping in connection with the above-mentioned picketing project. He said that [redacted] and that he worked with her in the undertaking. He said that he did not recall whether or not this picketing was presented to him as a Communist job or not. He said that it took place in the Summer before he went to work and that it must have been the Summer of 1948. He said that it seemed to him that the above-mentioned [redacted]

[redacted]

In this connection, [redacted] mentioned that his roommates were upset by this activity and suggested that it be discontinued. He pointed out that his roommates had no knowledge of his CP membership. He mentioned also that [redacted] helped him on the picketing project. [redacted] said that one [redacted] showed up to picket. [redacted] said that he was acquainted with [redacted] He said that [redacted]

[redacted] said that [redacted]

[redacted] said that he was much surprised to read in the newspaper that MARCIA WINSTEAD was alleged to be a Communist. He added that he did not believe that [redacted] knew that he himself was a Communist. He said that [redacted] He said that he attended one Young Progressive Association party in the vicinity of the Building Trades Hall on New Jersey Avenue where the guests drank beer and danced. He said that he attended another Young Progressive Association party in Southeast, Washington, D. C., and also a YPA picnic at Rock Creek Park off 16th Street. [redacted] further stated that he knew [redacted] through the Young Progressives. [redacted] said that the Young Progressives were continuously trying to get him to come to their affairs [redacted] He mentioned that [redacted] [redacted] said that he never

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had any inkling to the effect that YPA was a Communist inspired and dominated group.

In connection with the above-mentioned Young Progressive Association [redacted] said that [redacted]

[redacted] He said that he never attended a formal Young Progressive meeting in his life. He said that [redacted] [redacted] said that he understood [redacted] she had in the past engaged in some form of Communist activity. He said that before the war she had been [redacted] and that her activity evidently had taken place there. He added that he did not know whether it was in connection with the young group or with the CP. He mentioned that [redacted]

[redacted] attended none of the Newspaper Club meetings as far as he was aware and she had no connection with the group.

[redacted] said that at various times IZZY STONE had been the subject of conversation on the part of the Newspaper Club at which time they had belittled IZZY STONE as "half baked". STONE was not able to follow through his ideas and develop them to a logical conclusion. It was stated that when he was good he was very good and when he was bad he was very poor. [redacted] said that he considered this to be a typical two-way approach which the club members used in referring to persons who were not one hundred per cent with them.

On July 16, 1951, [redacted] telephoned the writer and stated that he would like to clarify some of the information previously furnished by him and would also like to outline his itinerary for the immediate future. He was subsequently interviewed at the Washington Field Office.

In this interview, [redacted] pointed out that [redacted]

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[redacted]

In connection with [redacted]
[redacted] which was discussed previously by [redacted] he stated that at one of the meetings of the Newspaper Club of the CP, ROB HALL had said something about JOHN MC MANUS' having said that someone was wanted to help the people from New York in connection with the picketing of the White House. MC MANUS was working in Washington at that time according to [redacted] said he

[redacted]

[redacted] It is noted that when he was interviewed on July 13, 1951, [redacted] had been asked if he had any knowledge of JOSEPH FORER or DAVID REIN. [redacted] stated at that time he knew FORER's name and that he was not sure that he knew REIN's name. He said that he had no contact with them. It is further noted that at the time of this last interview on July 16, 1951, [redacted] said he recalled that he had been given the name of DAVID REIN in connection with [redacted]

[redacted] He said that he did not remember whether it was in regard to the possibility of an arrest in connection with the picketing of the White House and that he did not recall where he got the name of DAVE REIN.

[redacted] also pointed out that he had contributed money to the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee in New York. He said over a period of two or three years whenever he had a couple of extra dollars he would make a contribution [redacted]

His recollection was that this took place between 1947 and 1949. He also said that he wrote to Chief Justice VINSON protesting against the trial of Doctor BARSKY who was at that time Head of the JAFRC.

[redacted]

In connection with DICK SASULY mentioned above who according to [redacted] attended meetings of the Newspaper Club of the CP, [redacted] stated further that he estimated that SASULY had attended possibly fifteen or twenty of the meetings. He said that he himself had [redacted]

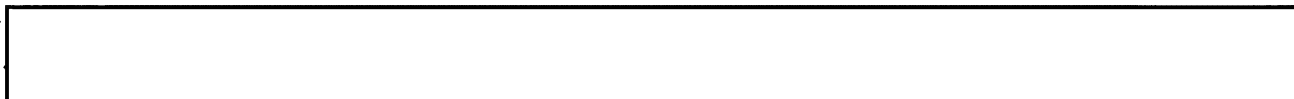
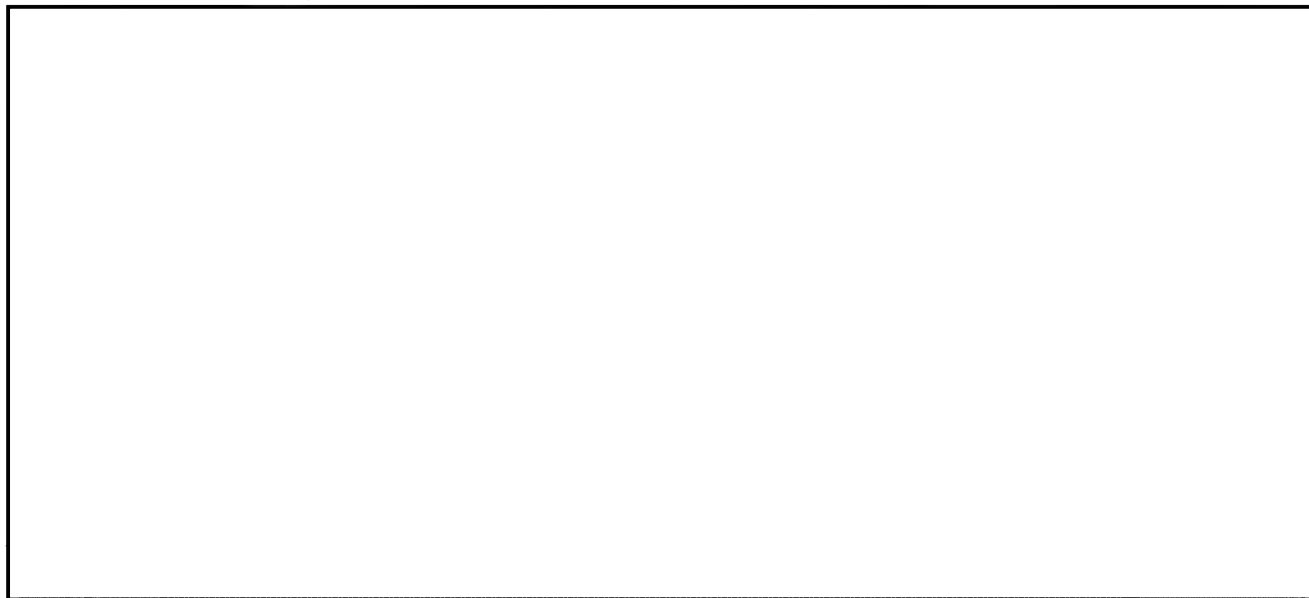
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[redacted] He said that he had met ELIZABETH SASULY but that she did not attend the meetings. [redacted] said that his recollection was that SASULY did not attend the meetings regularly but might be absent for two or three months at a time. [redacted] said that as far as he knew SASULY was a member of the club. He mentioned that SASULY at one of the meetings gave a report on decartelization, it being [redacted] recollection that SASULY had written a book on that subject.

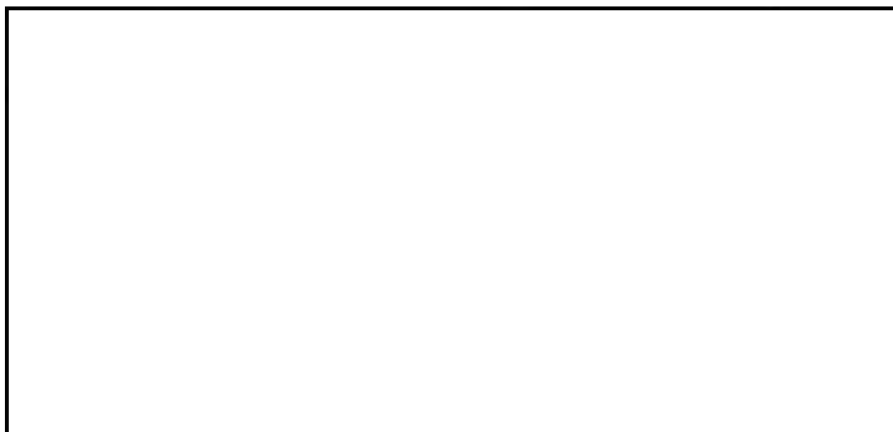
[redacted] furnished the following additional background information concerning himself:

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resided: furnished the following previous addresses at which he had



He moved to his present address in .

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[] expressed concern over the possible results from a publicity standpoint of the disclosure of his past Communist Party activities. He requested that his identity and the information furnished by him be kept confidential. He indicated that he had no desire to testify concerning the above information but did not state at this time that he would be unwilling to do so should the necessity arise. He said that inasmuch as his parents plan to leave [] shortly for a vacation he intended to go to [] to tell them of his past association with the Communist Party prior to their reading of it in newspapers inasmuch as he felt that this information might become known to the press. It is noted that [] stated that on the week end prior to presenting himself at this office he had read in a local newspaper an account of the testimony of the Mrs. MARY MARKWARD before the House Committee on Un-American Activities during which testimony she named numerous alleged Communists in Washington, D. C. [] said that on the same day on which he came to this office he had told his employer at the [] of his past membership in the CP and had tendered his resignation which was accepted.

[] furnished his immediate itinerary as follows:

He planned to leave about July 16, to travel to [] which trip he expected might take about ten days. His address would be in care of a relative, [] telephone []. He expected to go to [] August 6, for a couple of days at which time he could be reached in care of []. Thereafter, he expected to return to Washington, D. C.

Copies of this memorandum are being placed in the case files of various individuals mentioned by []

DIRECTOR, FBI

9-6-51

SAC, PITTSBURGH

ISIDOR FEINSTEIN STONE, was.
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Rerep of SA FRANCIS J. DUANE, Washington Field, 8-22-51.

SA [] determined that telephone number Atlantic 1-3700 is the number of the Roosevelt Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa.

[] assistant manager, Roosevelt Hotel, Pittsburgh, made available records which disclosed that [] is not an employee and was not a guest of the Roosevelt Hotel during this year. It was also determined from records of the hotel that on June 28, 1951, only two long distance phone calls were received at the hotel from Washington, D. C. They were:

From Washington, D. C., by a person named ROMER, who called Room 1139 at 8:28 PM;

From Washington, D. C., by a person named MC LEOD, who called Room 655 at 10:12 PM.

The Pittsburgh indices are negative on [] RUC.

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cc Washington Field (100-22286)

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Title
ISIDOR FEINSTEIN STONE,
was.

Character of Case
SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis of Facts:

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LOUIS DEVOLDER born 7/8/97 in
Brussels, Belgium, and has been
resident of the United States for
21 years. LOUIS DEVOLDER active in
P.P. of Mass.; Community Church;
and Mass. Action Committee for
Peace, Boston. DEVOLDER is identi-
fied as a shoe exporter.

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DETAILS:

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On December 22, 1942, EUGENE M.
ZUCKERT of the Harvard University
School of Business Administration,
advised this Office that LOUIS
EDMOND DEVOLDER was born July 8,
1897, in Brussels, Belgium, and
had in 1942 been a resident of
the United States for twenty-one
years. This source stated that
DEVOLDER was a naturalized citizen.

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Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, identified LOUIS DEVOLDER as being present and participating in a meeting of the Financial Committee of the Progressive Party of Massachusetts on August 18, 1948, at 41 Mount Vernon Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Progressive Party of Massachusetts is identified by Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, as being dominated and controlled by members of the Communist Party, District No. 1, Boston, Massachusetts.

"The Boston Globe" of July 27, 1948, contained in it a news article stating that more than 250 New England Progressive Party Officers would leave on July 23, 1948, for their Party's Founding Convention in Philadelphia. LOUIS DEVOLDER was among those listed.

An article in "The Boston Globe", daily newspaper at Boston, Mass., on September 19, 1948, indicated that Mr. and Mrs. LOUIS DEVOLDER had contributed \$100 to the Progressive Party at a Welcome Testimony for HENRY A. WALLACE, Presidential Candidate of the Progressive Party. This dinner was held on September 8, 1948.

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, stated that Dr. and Mrs. LOUIS DEVOLDER were on the mailing list of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised on March 19, 1949, that LOUIS DEVOLDER was identified as a member of the Community Church and that DEVOLDER had stated to HARLOW SHAPLEY how he deplored the lack of a good liberal publication which was capable of giving the masses the true picture of the world today. DEVOLDER stated that he thought they should try to get a thousand people to give \$100 apiece and in this way start a monthly publication to educate the people. ~~(X)~~

The Community Church was identified by Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, as a non-sectarian Church in Boston, Mass., under the leadership of Reverend DONALD G. LOTHROP. This Informant advised that in 1944, because of Anti-Communist speakers who were selected to speak at the Church, Reverend LOTHROP engineered an election of a new Board of Directors who would not oppose LOTHROP and his Communist sympathizers. The Church is alleged to be an open pulpit for known Communists and Communist sympathizers, according to this Informant. HARLOWE SHAPLEY was identified as a member of the Community Church, by the same Informant.

Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, stated on October 6, 1949, that LOUIS DEVOLDER had been identified as the sponsor of the call for a Massachusetts Peace Council at a meeting at the Community Church Center, 565 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Massachusetts Peace Council is identified by Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, as an organization which was later identified as the Massachusetts Action Committee for Peace in which the Communist Party USA, District No. 1 was vitally interested and in which the members of the Communist Party at Boston, Massachusetts, actively participated.

The 1951 edition of Polks Boston, Mass. City Directory listed LOUIS DEVOLDER as a shoe exporter at 665 Atlantic Ave., Boston, Mass., Room 325-328.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

T-1 was a letter received by the Boston Office from an anonymous source.

T-2 is [] contacted by SA CHRISTOPHER H. KOKOLAKIS.

T-3 is [] the Joint Anti-Refugee Committee, to SA [] in April 1948.

T-4 is [] (S)

T-5 is [] to SA CLEMENT A. O'BRIEN in October 1949.

T-6 is [] to SA []

T-7 is [] to SA PHILIP M. BREED.

REFERENCE: Report of SA FRANCIS J. DUANE at Washington, D.C. dated August 22, 1951.

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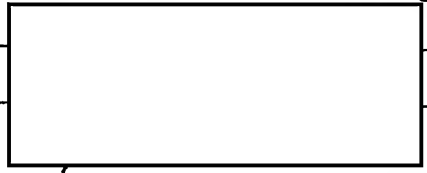
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Subject resides 1133 Park Ave., NYC, and employed at "NY Daily Compass." Contact of subject with CP members set out. In a speech before the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, STONE referred to himself as a Socialist.

DETAILS:

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that during July and August, 1951, the subject received correspondence at his office in Washington, D. C., from the following addressors:

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1. N. S. BIENSTOCK
37 West 43rd Street
New York City
(on July 24, 1951)

Confidential Informant T-2, another Government agency which maintains personnel records, advised that NATHAN S. BIENSTOCK registered under the Selective Service Act on February 16, 1942. He listed his address as 35-46 74th Street, Jackson Heights, Queens, New York, and his employer as NATHAN S. BIENSTOCK, 22 East 40th Street. This informant described BIENSTOCK as follows:

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Race:	White	
Born:	December 18, 1897, Manhattan	
Height:	5' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	
Weight:	175 pounds	
Eyes:	Brown	
Hair:	Black	
Complexion:	Dark	b6
Scars and Marks:	Scar on lower chin	b7C
Education:	One year, Trinity College; two year pharmacist course at Philadelphia College of Pharmacy	
Business Experience:	Twelve years as life insurance agent	
Employer:	Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, 22 East 40th Street	
Marital Status:	Married, November 24, 1920, Brooklyn, New York	
Wife:	SYLVIA F. BIENSTOCK (aged 42 in 1942)	
Daughter:	[redacted] born [redacted] 1922	

The election records for Queens County, New York, as checked by SE [redacted] verify the residence address for NATHAN S. BIENSTOCK as 35-46 74th Street, Jackson Heights. They further indicate that in 1945 and 1946 BIENSTOCK registered American Labor Party, while in 1947, 1948 and 1949 he registered Liberal Party.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, as checked by SE [redacted] reveal the following information:

In a report dated November 5, 1949, NATHAN S. BIENSTOCK, residence address 35-46 74th Street, Jackson Heights, listed employment by the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company at 37 West 43rd Street as an underwriter. His wife was listed as SYLVIA F. BIENSTOCK. Former residence addresses were listed as 425 Riverside Drive, 421 West 118th Street, 456 Riverside Drive, and 450 Riverside Drive.

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised that NATHAN S. BIENSTOCK, 35-46 74th Street, Jackson

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Heights, New York, was interviewed on January 17, 1949, by AGNES SMEDLEY who was residing at that time at the Hotel Carteret in New York City. This informant was unable to give any information regarding the nature of the contact.

LOUIS F. BUDENZ, former Managing Editor of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, advised SA WILLIAM J. MCCARTHY, JR., that in the late 1930's SMEDLEY was a "valued agent" according to HARRY GANNES who was then the Foreign Editor of the "Daily Worker" and a member of the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, reported that NATHAN S. BIENSTOCK'S annual gross income in 1948 was \$38,000.

Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, advised that NATHAN S. BIENSTOCK, 37 West 43rd Street, New York City, had sent a letter to ROBERT MAGIDOFF in Louisville, Kentucky, in January, 1949. It will be recalled that ROBERT MAGIDOFF was a correspondent in Moscow for many years and his wife, NILA, was a friend of Colonel NIKOLAI ZABOTIN of the Russian Embassy. In 1948 the Soviets denounced ROBERT MAGIDOFF as a spy and ordered him to leave Moscow.

2. BENJAMIN D. SHAW
850 Broadway
New York City
(on July 18, 1951)

There is no listing for BENJAMIN D. SHAW in the Manhattan Telephone Directory. The Cross Telephone Directory for Manhattan indicates that 850 Broadway is listed to M. RAUCH, Cigars, Gramercy 3-8842. Investigation at this address verified the fact that this location was occupied by a cigar store, but no information was developed on SHAW. (C)

According to Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, one BENJAMIN D. SHAW wrote a post card to FREDERICK VANDERBILT FIELD greeting him in prison and assuring FIELD that he would do everything he could to effect FIELD'S release.

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It will be recalled that FIELD was sentenced to prison for contempt of court for refusing to reveal the names of contributors to the Civil Rights Congress.

The Civil Rights Congress is an organization declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

On October 14, 1949, Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, made available a three-page article entitled "It Can Happen Here." This article dated September 7, 1949, is written in the form of an open letter to the clergy of Peekskill, New York, from BENJAMIN D. SHAW, 80 East 10th Street, New York City, and blames the clergy for the Peekskill riots.

The Cross Telephone Directory for Manhattan does not reveal a listing for anyone named SHAW at 80 East 10th Street. Listings at this address appear for the following:

The First Columbia Windowing Cleaning Company

MACCABI GREENFIELD

SAMUEL LANGE, carpenter

D. NICOLOSI

3. Room 600
41 East 42nd Street
New York City
(on July 25, 1951)

Investigation revealed this to be the office of the "American Zionist Review" and the Zionist Organization of America.

4. Suite 707
41 East 42nd Street
New York City
(on July 26, 1951)

Investigation determined this to be the office occupied by the American Palestine Committee.

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Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, advised that Fire Island 5663, 5958, and 5669 are public telephones located in the Western Union office at Ocean Beach, Fire Island, New York.

Physical Surveillances

On September 13, 1951, a physical surveillance was instituted by the writer and SA [redacted] in the vicinity of 1133 Park Avenue, New York City, but STONE was not observed entering or leaving this apartment house.

On September 14, 1951, a surveillance was instituted by the same agents and at 10:30 a.m. STONE came out of 1133 Park Avenue and went to a neighborhood store where he purchased some paper. He then returned to his apartment and was not seen up until the time the surveillance was discontinued for security reasons. b6 b7C

On September 19, 1951, a surveillance in the vicinity of 1133 Park Avenue was instituted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]. At approximately 9:40 a.m. STONE was observed coming out of his apartment house and proceeding to 91st Street and Lexington Avenue where he entered MAX SCHWARTZ'S cigar store. Immediately thereafter STONE came out of this cigar store with newspapers under his arm and returned to his apartment house. At approximately 10:55 a.m. on this date STONE came out of 1133 Park Avenue with a woman believed to be his wife. After walking to a drug store on the northeast corner of Madison Avenue and 90th Street, the woman boarded a downtown bus at 90th Street and Fifth Avenue. STONE walked south on Fifth Avenue to 85th Street where he boarded a bus going west through Central Park and the surveillance was here discontinued for security reasons.

On September 20, 1951, a surveillance was maintained in the vicinity of 1133 Park Avenue by the same agents and STONE was observed leaving this address at approximately

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10:40 a.m. He proceeded to the cigar store of MAX SCHWARTZ and boarded a downtown bus at 90th Street and Lexington Avenue. STONE got off the bus at 49th Street and Lexington Avenue and entered Lanes Restaurant. Here he had something to eat and then left, walking to the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria. He entered Room 4V in the Waldorf-Astoria. Investigation here determined that Room 4V was the press room covering the 1951 convention of the American Bar Association.

Following this, STONE left the Waldorf-Astoria and walked to Brentanos Incorporated at 586 Fifth Avenue, where he purchased a small book which appeared to be a Spanish-English dictionary. From here STONE went to the Librairie de France, Incorporated, 610 Fifth Avenue, where he purchased another book. Following this, STONE walked to a Woodworth 5 and 10¢ Store on 43rd Street between Fifth and Sixth Avenues and he made another purchase.

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From there STONE proceeded to 63 West 44th Street, which is occupied by the New Book Store and Gallery. STONE came out of this address in about ten minutes and had lunch at 1:30 p.m. at the 42nd Street Cafeteria between Sixth Avenue and Broadway. Thereafter he proceeded to the IRT Subway stop at Broadway and 42nd Street. He took a downtown train to Chambers Street and walked west to 164 Duane Street, New York City, office of the "Daily Compass". Shortly thereafter the surveillance was discontinued.

On September 26, 1951, SAS [redacted] and [redacted] observed STONE coming out of 1133 Park Avenue at approximately 10:00 a.m. He returned shortly thereafter after visiting SCHWARTZ'S cigar store for some newspapers. At 2:25 p.m. on the same date STONE again came out of his residence and took a bus to 44th Street and Lexington Avenue. From there he proceeded to 342 Madison Avenue, which is the Canadian Pacific Building. After about ten minutes he came out of this building and walked to Grand Central Station. From there he proceeded by subway to his office at 164 Duane Street. Shortly thereafter the surveillance was discontinued.

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On September 27, 1951, Agents [] and [] observed STONE leave his residence at 10:55 a.m., and after making some purchases of newspapers and groceries in the neighborhood, he returned to his residence and did not come out until 2:55 p.m. when he again proceeded via subway to his office at 164 Duane Street.

On October 3 and on October 4, 1951, a surveillance was maintained in the vicinity of 164 Duane Street in an effort to observe STONE'S exit from the "Daily Compass" building. However, on neither day was STONE observed and the surveillances were discontinued in the evening.

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In 1942 EDWARD STETTINIUS, JR., of Lend Lease, Washington, D. C., contacted the Washington Field Office of the FBI requesting an investigation to determine the source of a security leak, stating that classified information of his agency had appeared verbatim in "PM" newspaper in an article written by I. F. STONE. STETTINIUS later contacted the Washington Field Office and advised that [] also employed by Lend Lease, had admitted furnishing this material to STONE. STETTINIUS said he wished the investigation by the FBI to be discontinued to preclude possible damage to [] future opportunities in the Government. He said that this indiscretion would be dealt with within Lend Lease.

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It will be noted that [] was one of the attorneys for WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON during the latter's recent perjury trial in New York City.

ALLAN MAX, Managing Editor of the "Daily Worker", wrote an article in the July 21, 1950 issue, page 7, column 1, in which he attacks I. F. STONE of the "New York Daily Compass" for pretending to be "in the middle" when he actually is siding with the United States on the Korean war situation.

Confidential Informant T-9, of known reliability, advised that a meeting of the National Council of the Arts, ~~(S)~~

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Sciences and Professions was held on July 25, 1951, at Carnegie Hall, New York City, to protest against the Smith Act. I. F. STONE was present and he said: ~~(S)~~

"We are opening tonight a second front in the fight against the Smith Act. . . We are here to fight Fascism. This is what the Smith Act means for America and we are here to smash it before it smashes America." He stated that the Government is fighting against freeing the seventeen Communists on bail "because it's a phony case and the Government knows it." He underlined that "every democratic country in the world has a Communist Party and if we are a democracy, why shouldn't we have one?" He also said, "The Communists are fighting against the Smith Act because they want to save their Party. The rest of us are fighting to save America. Conspiracy to advocate is a dangerous thing to the Labor Government, to every group and individual in America. The Smith Act is a real instrument of terror. It is against the traditions of the West to prosecute a man for what he thinks." He said that he has "confidence in the American people. The American people will wake up very soon" and that "this meeting is a real contribution by coming out here tonight to fight for our freedom." ~~(S)~~

Confidential Informant T-10, of known reliability, also submitted a report on the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions meeting on July 25, 1951, and he advised that during the speech of I. F. STONE the latter stated: ~~(S)~~

"You 3,000 here makes one feel we are not alone, we are here to thumb our noses at the law. . . I am a Socialist but respect the rights of others to speak." ~~(S)~~

On July 13, 1951, Confidential Informant T-11, of known reliability, advised that ABNER GREEN, Executive Secretary of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, notified ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Chairman, Women's Commission, Communist Party, USA, that bail for DASHIELL HAMMETT was being posted by I. F. STONE. ~~(S)~~

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It will be recalled that HANFETT was held in contempt of court along with FREDERICK VANDERBILT FIELD.

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born is an organization declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

On July 31, 1951, Confidential Informant T-11 advised that SI GERSON, Chairman, Legislative Bureau, New York State Communist Party, reminded I. F. STONE that he had a tentative dinner date that night with him and MARION BACHRACH, Public Relations Director, Communist Party, USA. According to the informant, STONE had planned to eat dinner that night with his brother, MARK. However, the informant and GERSON conferred and then advised STONE that he should bring his brother along. GERSON then added that he might also bring ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN. (X)

A check of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, New York City, by SE [redacted] indicated that there is no record of I. F. STONE having a driver's license or automobile registration.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

INFORMANTS

- T-1 [A mail cover maintained by the Washington Field Office.] ~~(S)~~
- T-2 Selective Service records checked by SA [redacted]
- T-3 Confidential Source [redacted]
- T-4 Confidential Source [redacted]
- T-5 A mail cover on [redacted] 1964 Douglas Boulevard, Louisville, Kentucky.
- T-6 [redacted] Federal House of Detention, 427 West Street, New York City.
- T-7 [Sec. Inft. [redacted] who made this information available to SA [redacted] and SE [redacted]] ~~(S)~~
- T-8 [redacted] Village of Ocean Beach, and [redacted] Ocean Beach, who made this information available to SA DANIEL F. O'CONNOR.
- T-9 [Sec. Inft. [redacted] who furnished information to SA JOHN W. DOOLEY.] ~~(S)~~
- T-10 Sec. Inft. [redacted]
- T-11 [Sec. Inft. [redacted] who advised SA JOHN R. SWENEY of the information on July 13, 1951, and advised SE [redacted] of the information on July 31, 1951.] ~~(S)~~

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Two copies of this report are being designated for the Washington Field Office in view of the investigation still pending in that office. One copy of this report is being designated to the Los Angeles and San Francisco Offices for information purposes inasmuch as this is a Soyuz case. ~~SECRET~~

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At New York, New York

Will report results of mail cover. ~~SECRET~~

Will report the results of the physical surveillance on STONE.

Will develop information concerning STONE'S bank account.

REFERENCE

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ISIDOR F. STONE, WAS., ESP.-R.

INFO FROM "DAILY COMPASS" INDICATES
STONE WILL ADDRESS A PUBLIC MEETING AGAINST THE SMITH ACT IN WASHINGTON,
D.C. TONIGHT AT ODDFELLOWS HALL, NINETH AND T STREETS, NORTHWEST,
UNDER AUSPICES OF WASHINGTON COMMITTEE TO DEFEND THE BILL OF RIGHTS.
REQUEST SURVEILLANCE OF SUBJ FOLLOWING MEETING TO DETERMINE CONTACTS
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ISIDOR F. STONE, WAS., ESP-R. SUBJECT ON FOURTEENTH INSTANT AT ODD-FELLOWS HALL, NINTH AND T STREETS, N. W., WASH., D. C., ADDRESSED PUBLIC MEETING HELD UNDER AUSPICES OF WASHINGTON COMMITTEE TO DEFEND BILL OF RIGHTS UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF MARCUS GOLDMAN WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN C. P. FRONT GROUPS. OTHER SPEAKERS ON PLATFORM WITH STONE INCLUDED ROY WOOD AND REGINA FRANKFELD. DOROTHY ROSE BLUMBERG SPOKE FROM AUDIENCE WHILE MAURICE BRAVERMAN AND GEORGE A. MEYERS WERE INTRODUCED FROM THE AUDIENCE. WOOD, FRANKFELD, BLUMBERG, BRAVERMAN AND MEYERS ARE UNDER SMITH ACT INDICTMENTS AND PRESENTLY FREE ON BAIL. STONE STATED IN BRIEF THAT SMITH ACT NOT NEEDED AS EXISTING STATUTES SUFFICIENT TO PROSECUTE THOSE ENGAGED IN ESPIONAGE, SABOTAGE OR OVERTHROWING THE GOVERNMENT AND THUS GOVT HAS CONFESSED SMITH ACT IS A THOUGHT CONTROL ACT, ~~THAT ALL INDICTMENTS TO DATE UNDER SMITH ACT IS A THOUGHT CONTROL ACT,~~ THAT ALL INDICTMENTS TO DATE UNDER SMITH ACT DRAWN UNDER CONSPIRACY STATUTE THUS CONFESSING INABILITY TO PROVE ANY OVERT VIOLATION OF THE SMITH ACT PROPER, AND THAT IN THE TRIAL OF THE ELEVEN THE GOVT HAD PUT WORDS INTO THE COMMUNISTS MOUTHS THAT THEY NEVER SAID. STONE HAS NOT BEEN OBSERVED IN THIS CITY SINCE HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE MEETING AT ELEVEN FORTY FIVE P. M. WITH GOLDMAN IN GOLDMAN-S CAR.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:



Information previously reported sets STONE's income during 1944 and 1945 at \$8000 and \$11500. FBI Pittsburgh unable to identify [redacted] The Chicago Sun Times, National Press Building, is the subscriber to Executive 0151. MARGARET FLETCHER, a domestic, resides 1125 6th Street, N. W. STONE still employed as feature writer for the New York Daily Compass.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

FINANCIAL STATUS

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised Special Agent JOHN B. COOK that [redacted]

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The records pertaining to the foregoing account were furnished on a confidential basis and should only be made public through the issuance of a Subpoena duces tecum.

With respect to STONE's income during 1944 and 1945, Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, has advised that in 1944, STONE's total income approximated \$8,000. This informant was not able to identify all of STONE's sources of income but stated that this data could be secured from N. S. BIENSTOCK, 36-37 West 43rd Street, New York City. This same informant also advised that in 1945, STONE earned in excess of \$11,500, writing for such publications as "P. M." and "The Nation."

RESIDENCE IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

The records of the Recorder of Deeds, Washington, D. C., revealed that as of October 29, 1951, ESTHER STONE was listed as the owner of the property at 5618 Nebraska Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C.

CONTACTS AND ASSOCIATES

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised that on June 28, 1951, a long-distance telephone call was made from the Washington Office of the "Daily Compass," 1416 F Street, N. W., to one [REDACTED] at Atlantic 13700, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

FBI, Pittsburgh determined that the Roosevelt Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is the subscriber to telephone number Atlantic 13700. It was determined by FBI, Pittsburgh that [REDACTED] was not an employee or a guest of the Roosevelt Hotel on June 28, 1951. The Pittsburgh Office was unable to furnish any identifying information with respect to [REDACTED]

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CI T-8, of known reliability, advised that on July 24, 1951, STONE, while a guest at the hotel, made a telephone call to Executive 0151. Confidential Informant T-3 advised that the Chicago Sun Times, a newspaper, having local offices in the National Press Building, was the subscriber to this particular telephone number.

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised that on July 20, 1951, subject was in receipt of correspondence from one MARGARET FLETCHER, 1125 6th Street, N. W. Washington, D. C. ~~(X)~~

Records of the Credit Bureau contained no information with respect to FLETCHER nor did the records of the Metropolitan Police Department.

Confidential Informant T-3 advised that FLETCHER was self-employed as a domestic. This informant was unable to furnish any additional pertinent information with respect to FLETCHER.

T-4 advised that on August 13, 1951, subject was in receipt of a communication from 40 West 44th Street, New York 18, New York. On August 14, 1951, he received correspondence from P. O. Box 200, Elmsford, New York. This informant advised that both pieces of correspondence had been directed to STONE at his former residence, 5618 Nebraska Avenue, N. W., but had been routed to him at his business address, 1416 F Street, NW. ~~(X)~~

Confidential Informant T-5, a reliable informant, advised early in January, 1949, that JUDITH COPLON, the former Department of Justice employee who was recently convicted in New York City and Washington, D. C., for espionage and for conspiring to commit espionage on behalf of Russia, had recently met STONE. This informant reported that when COPLON told the informant of having met STONE, she also told the informant that STONE thought she was "wonderful." The informant was unable to recall the interpretation that COPLON intended by this statement.

During the trial of JUDITH COPLON in New York City during 1950, she was represented by LEONARD BOUDIN of New York City.

Confidential Informant T-6, who has furnished reliable information to the FBI, described LEONARD BOUDIN in 1942 as a Communist labor lawyer and the husband of JEAN BOUDIN, who was then employed as the Assistant Editor of "Federated Press." The informant also stated that STONE was married to the sister of JEAN BOUDIN and identified his wife as ESTHER ROISMAN STONE.

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Files of Confidential Informant T-2, a government agency, disclosed that in 1943, STONE's brother, MARC, was a candidate for admission to the AGO, Officer Candidate School, while serving in the United States Army. In completing the application, MARC STONE listed among his references, LEONARD BOUDIN, identified as an attorney, located at Salmon Towers, New York.

PRESENT OCCUPATION

An examination of the October 31, 1951, issue of the New York Daily Compass disclosed that STONE is still employed as a feature writer of this publication in New York City.

The August 26, 1951, issue of the Compass reveals that STONE, in an article captioned "Don't Be a Sucker for Brass Hats in Reading the Korea news," stated that China was drawn into the Korean war reluctantly and belatedly. He mentioned that China stood aside when the 38th Parallel was crossed in the U. N. Drive northward last year. He stated that China permitted the northern capitol, Pyongyang, to fall and did not intervene until the border regions were invaded, threatening China's dam installations and its own frontiers. He alleged that China's concern is with Formosa and not Korea and added that China would like to liquidate the Korean affairs as soon as possible in order to get on with the job of liquidating Chiang Kai-shek.

In the August 23, 1951, issue of the Compass, STONE in an article captioned, "The Mysterious Ambush and Sudden Offensive," stated that "if there is bad faith in the Korean cease-fire talks, it looks as if the bad faith is on our side."

The August 15, 16, and 17, 1951, issues of the Compass contain articles by STONE, dateline, San Francisco. In these articles STONE reported an interview had with VINCENT HALLINAN, the West-coast attorney who recently served as defense counsel for the West-coast labor leader, HARRY BRIDGES. STONE also reported that HALLINAN was "one of the lawyers who recently came forward to defend Communists recently arrested in California for violation of the Smith Alien and Sedition Law.

In the October 9, 10 and 11, 1951, issues of the Compass, articles by STONE, dateline, Boston, Massachusetts, reviewed the recent indictment of Professor DIRK J. STRUIK, of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and HARRY E. WINNER, whom he described as a Malden, Massachusetts, businessman. STONE reported that STRUIK and WINNER were indicted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for advocating the overthrow by force and violence of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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STONE pointed out that the penalty for violating the Massachusetts "Little Smith Act" is imprisonment for not more than three years or a \$1,000 fine or both. He stated that a conviction would cast a shadow over other classrooms in Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard and be a victory for those heresy-hunters in Massachusetts who would like to impose innocuous conformity on its institutions of learning.

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T-1 - [redacted]
T-2 - Bureau of Internal Revenue
T-3 - [redacted]
T-4 - Mail Cover placed on subject's business address, 1416 F Street, N. W. JES
T-5 - [redacted]
T-6 - New York Informant [redacted]
T-7 - Files, Post Intelligence Office, Parn Field, Texas
T-8 - Records of Hotel Willard.

LEADS

THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE

*At Norristown, Pennsylvania

Will identify KATY FEINSTEIN at the State Hospital and will determine if this person is STONE's mother, noting that subject was born ISIDOR FEINSTEIN.

Will examine available records in an effort to evaluate STONE's financial worth. Will expressly endeavor to determine his income during 1944 and 1945 as contained in hospital records. (Lead previously set out in report FRANCIS J. DUANE, August 22, 1951. Philadelphia will note that New York is now the Office of Origin in this matter.)

THE NEW YORK OFFICE

At Elmsford, New York

Will identify the subscriber to Post Office Box 200.

At New York City

Will identify the occupant of 40 West 44th Street, New York City.

Will identify [redacted] nothing that these individuals [redacted]

Will also identify the following who were [redacted]

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REFERENCES

Report of SA FRANCIS J. DUANE, August 22, 1951, Washington, D. C.; b6
Report of SA [REDACTED] June 1, 1951, New York. b7C

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TO : SAC, WFO (100-24628) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON COMMITTEE FOR THE
DEFENSE OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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On November 8, 1951, [REDACTED] furnished the writer a typewritten report dated October 26, 1951, concerning captioned organization. This report is set forth below, copies thereof being routed to appropriate files. In the event any of the information contained herein is reported, care should be taken to conceal the identity of the informant. (S) (u)

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The Washington Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights held a meeting on the evening of October 25, 1951, at the apartment of ED and NONNIE MAJCHRYK, 1909 19th Street, Northwest, from 8 p.m. to 10:45 p.m. The following persons were present: (S) (u)

MARCUS GOLDMAN
ELIZABETH GOLDMAN
ESTAR PASCOFF
ROY WOOD
LARIENE WOOD
IRVING TEITELBAUM
HELEN GUREWITZ

SELMA REIN
MORRIS MURRAY
JOHN B. STONE
EMMA ROBINSON
BOB LAUTMAN
NONNIE MAJCHRYK
GERTRUDE EVANS

An unidentified ILWU local executive, whose offices were said to be at room 510, 930 F Street, Northwest, and whose secretary was said to be HELEN SHONICK. (S) (u)

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MARCUS GOLDMAN was chairman of the meeting. The proposal of obtaining sponsors for the organization was discussed. It was indicated that the sponsors would not necessarily be members of the organization but their names would be utilized on organization letterheads and used in conjunction with fund raising activities. Sponsors list would be used for publicity purposes, so that it would appear that the organization had the solid backing of prominent Americans. Names mentioned were MARY CHURCH TERRELL, Dr. FRANKLIN FRAZIER and attorney BELFORD LAWSON. (S)(u)

EMMA ROBINSON, as chairman of the Sponsor Committee, reported she had talked to a number of prominent Negro ministers in the city and that none of them were willing to lend their names as sponsors. She indicated that Mrs. TERRELL was desirous of talking to some of the members of the Committee before consenting to be a sponsor. ROY WOOD proposed that Dr. MARCUS GOLDMAN, Mrs. ELIZABETH GOLDMAN and MORRIS MURRAY be the persons to call upon Mrs. TERRELL, which suggestion was met with approval from the Committee. (S)(u)

EMMA ROBINSON also advised that ED FISHER, President of the local Confederation of Workers Union, had given her a verbal commitment that he would be one of the sponsors of the organization although he could not be an active member of the Committee. (S)(u)

MARCUS GOLDMAN reported that he had written a letter to Dr. FRANKLIN FRAZIER of Howard University, asking him to become a sponsor and further that he had spoken to Dr. FRAZIER on the telephone and that Dr. FRAZIER advised him that he, FRAZIER, was soon leaving for Paris, France, as an advisor to the United Nations Conference and, therefore, would be unable to participate in the activities of the organization. GOLDMAN stated, however, that FRAZIER promised to read all of the literature of the organization and later commit himself as to whether or not he would lend his name as a sponsor of the Committee. (S)(u)

EMMA ROBINSON requested assistance in obtaining sponsors and MARCUS GOLDMAN appointed MORRIS MURRAY as her assistant. (S)(u)

The unidentified local ILWU executive (believed to be BILL GLAZIER) said that there was nothing left in the treasury of captioned organization and that he would have a talk with attorney JOE FORER concerning the latter's legal fees. During the conversation concerning finances it was indicated that HERMAN CLOTT was treasurer of the Washington Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights. (S)(u)

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MARCUS GOLDMAN indicated that some \$23,000 had been raised through his efforts and the efforts of those concerned in raising bail for the jailed Baltimore, Washington Communist Party members. GOLDMAN indicated that fund raising was of prime importance for the Committee. (S)(u)

In connection with fund raising, ESTAR PASCOFF reported on her proposal to hold a bazaar by which to raise funds for the Committee. She said that her committee of women had decided to hold the bazaar at Inspiration House on the afternoon and night of December 9, 1951. The bazaar would consist of selling clothes, electrical instruments, pastry and anything that the committee women could obtain from well-wishers and friends free of charge. There would be no admittance fee to the bazaar and the affair would be open to the public. (S)(u)

JOHN B. STONE, who had been in charge of publicity for the Committee, was criticized concerning the pamphlet written by him, "It Must Not Happen Here." In this pamphlet STONE made the statement that even non-members of the Communist Party were under the attack of the Smith Act. STONE defended himself by saying that he did not feel he could accept the responsibility of naming anyone as a member of the Communist Party in his pamphlet. ROY WOOD remarked that he felt as though Communists were outlaws in the publication which STONE had written. STONE took offense to the general attitude of the Committee toward the wording of his pamphlet. He said that he felt that he had done the best objective job he could under the circumstances and vigorously dissented with the opinion of ROY WOOD that he had set Communists aside in sort of a special group. (S)(u)

Informant advises that it is his observation that STONE and GOLDMAN differ on both the objectives as well as the means of operation of instant Committee and STONE appears to be disgusted that criticism was directed toward him because of his pamphlet. (S)(u)

As previously reported, ROY WOOD brought with him to the meeting a number of copies of a pamphlet published under the name of the Communist Party of the District of Columbia and Baltimore, Maryland, which pamphlet dealt with rising prices and its affect upon labor and the general masses. This pamphlet has been retained with informant's original report which was furnished on and dated October 26, 1951. (S)(u)

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There follows the officers of the organization as furnished by the informant: (S)(u)

Chairman - MARCUS GOLDMAN
Secretary - HELEN GUREWITZ CP
Treasurer - HERMAN CLOTT
Publicity - JOHN B. STONE CP
Sponsors - EMMA ROBINSON CP and MORRIS MURRAY
Contact with other organizations - GERTRUDE EVANS, who will furnish a mailing list in this connection. (S)(u)

ROY WOOD sits in on the meetings as sort of a general advisor according to the informant and MARCUS GOLDMAN calls upon WOOD for advice on certain matters such as meetings, speeches at public affairs, as to fund raising activities, general conduct of the organization as well as promotion of its primary activities. (S)(u)

Legal Advisor - JOSEPH FORER (S)(u)

JOHN STONE advised the Committee that he had talked with ROB HALL concerning obtaining funds from the George Marshall fund and the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties. STONE said that HALL advised him he felt that the Defense of the Bill of Rights Committee might possibly obtain funds from the Federation mentioned. STONE indicated he was not clear on what HALL had meant but would contact him again and make a report at the next meeting. (S)(u)

It was proposed that the following speakers be obtained for the public meeting to be held at the Odd Fellows Hall on the evening of November 14, 1951: (S)(u)

I. F. STONE of New York, MARY CHURCH TERRELL, ED FISHER, and as possible speakers JOHN ABT and VITO MARCANTONIO, as well as several of the defendants of the Smith Act cases among whom were mentioned ROY WOOD, JEAN FRANKFELD and GEORGE MEYERS. (S)(u)

ED MAJCHRZYK was not present at the meeting. (S)(u)

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A meeting of the Washington Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights was held on the night of [REDACTED]

Those persons present were as follows: (S)(u)

P.D. [REDACTED] (u) (S)

Prior to the meeting getting under way, informant advises that he overheard a discussion between HELEN GUREWITZ and MARCUS GOLDMAN. HELEN GUREWITZ told MARCUS GOLDMAN that the open letter to Attorney General HOWARD McGRATH, which appeared in the October 30 issue of the Evening Star, was terrific and that it sounded just like MARCUS GOLDMAN's writing. Informant stated that GOLDMAN did not answer, but smiled in apparent acknowledgment. (S)(u)

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The meeting got under way and finances of the Committee were discussed. HERMAN CLOTT reported that the organization now had \$63 in its treasury. CLOTT said that \$650 had been paid to JOSEPH FORER for legal fees. CLOTT said he would meet with attorney FORER concerning a means for raising more funds for the organization. (b)(7)(D)

The November 14 general public meeting was next discussed. MARCUS GOLDMAN stated that the speakers would be I. F. STONE, ROY WOOD, MARY CHURCH TERRELL, ED FISHER and possibly JEAN FRANKFELD. (b)(7)(D)

GOLDMAN stated that to date the Committee had been unable to obtain any number of sponsors for the organization. He said that MARY CHURCH TERRELL had agreed to become a sponsor after a check was made by her with the Attorney General. According to GOLDMAN, Mrs. TERRELL stated that the Attorney General advised that the Washington Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights was not on the subversive list. GOLDMAN said that he is under the impression that EDDIE FISHER has lent his name as sponsor of the organization. (b)(7)(D)

It was noted that BOB LAUTMAN has volunteered for the responsibility of seeing that the November 14 public meeting is a success. It is LAUTMAN's job to secure speakers and to see that the meeting goes off on schedule. (b)(7)(D)

ESTAR PASCOFF is in charge of the December 9, 1951, bazaar and she is to obtain a speaker for this occasion. (b)(7)(D)

The name of MARTHA MALKIN was mentioned by Mrs. PASCOFF as an individual active in planning for the bazaar. Mrs. PASCOFF stated that a bazaar committee was to meet on November 4, 1951, at the MALKIN residence. (b)(7)(D)

MARCUS GOLDMAN announced that he had received word from JOHN STONE that he, STONE, would no longer be an active member of the organization due to pressure from his job as a representative of the Federated Press. GOLDMAN said that STONE advised he would stand ready to aid the Committee in any manner he could that would fit in with his Federated Press work schedule. (b)(7)(D)

Literature to be published by the Committee in regard to the fund raising activities and announcing of meetings, will be done by Presentations Incorporated, so announced HELEN GUREWITZ and MARCUS GOLDMAN. (b)(7)(D)

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HELEN GUREWITZ stated that SAM ABBOTT would be available for publicity work for the Committee. (S)(u)

GOLDMAN announced that he had written the President of the Civil Liberties Union in regard to supporting the Committee and he said that the answer from the President of the Civil Liberties Union was to the effect that the Union was just organizing nationally, however, they would keep in touch with the local Committee for future assistance. (S)(u)

HERMAN CLOTT announced that he had seen ROB HALL concerning finances from the GEORGE MARSHALL National Federation for Constitutional Liberties. CLOTT said that HALL just laughed at him when he mentioned the MARSHALL organization as a possible source of funds. CLOTT went on to say that JOHN STONE had received the wrong impression from HALL in that the MARSHALL organization was no good for financial support. (S)(u)

MARCUS GOLDMAN reminded the Committee that it still owed him \$90 for stamps. (S)(u)

HELEN GUREWITZ reported on the proposed December 9 bazaar at Inspiration House to raise funds for the Committee. She said that Inspiration House was already secured with a \$5 deposit and that she and ESTAR PASCOFF planned to bring more Progressive women into the bazaar committee. She especially named women who were members of the District of Columbia Progressive Party. (S)(u)

A meeting was planned for the evening of November 5, at the office of the District of Columbia Progressive Party, the purpose being to mail announcements of the November 14 public meeting at Odd Fellows Hall. Those volunteering to attend the mailing were MARCUS GOLDMAN, ROY WOOD, GERTRUDE EVANS, IRVING TEITELBAUM, SELMA REIN and MORRIS MURRAY. ROY WOOD, at the suggestion of MARCUS GOLDMAN, volunteered his wife LARIENE, when GOLDMAN said that his wife ELIZABETH would be there also. (S)(u)

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November 30, 1951

WASHINGTON COMMITTEE TO DEFEND
THE BILL OF RIGHTS

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On November 26, 1951, [] furnished Special Agent EDWARD P. BROWN a report dated November 22, 1951, on the mass meeting of the Washington Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights held on November 14, 1951, at the Odd Fellows Hall, 9th and T Streets, N. W. The original report will be maintained in 66-2498-Sub A.

Informant reported that the attendance at the above meeting was estimated at over 200 and that he identified the following individuals as present:

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Mr. and Mrs. ROB HALL
ART and ANNIE STEIN ✓
SELMA REIN ✓
NATALIE LAMKIN
ANN YALOM
JOE and ELEANOR BELSER
HELEN and BILL SHONICK
HELEN BROWN and husband (ELDRIDGE)
SALLY PEEK
MORRIS MURRAY
LYNWOOD CUNDIFF
FRANCES KLAFTER
BOB BRUCE
Mr. and Mrs. SAM PEARLMAN
Mr. F. A. BLOSSOM
MARY CHURCH TERRELL
ROY WOOD
JEAN FRANKFELD
I. F. STONE (Columnist, New York
Daily Compass)

LILLIAN CLOTT
EMMA ROBINSON
ESTHER _____ (not further identified)
BURT FELTER
GARNET and SANDRA McCOY
BARBARA BIRD
EDDIE FISHER
Dr. MARCUS GOLDMAN
SHELDON and SOPHIE DRESSLER
LEON and MARTHA MALKIN
BETTY HAYS
RUSS _____ (colored, not otherwise
identified)
BOB _____ (Chief usher, white,
5' 5", 140-150 lbs, 25-28 years,
blond hair, blue eyes, slightly
bald, mustache, stubby fingers,
wears gold rimmed glasses)

The meeting commenced with the singing of the Star Spangled Banner. Dr. GOLDMAN then gave a brief resume of what has happened with reference to the indictment and harassment of the arrested Communists. He then introduced ROY WOOD, the next speaker. WOOD is not a very accomplished speaker and has a tendency to hesitate every few words. Mrs. FRANKFELD told of how she and Mr. FRANKFELD were in jail in Baltimore when the Cleveland Police invaded their home in Cleveland at 3:00 A.M. the day preceding the Baltimore trial, and of how the police were very demanding of the children as to the whereabouts of their parents. She explained that Mr. FRANKFELD could not be present at this meeting, because of being afraid of leaving the State of Maryland for fear that he would be arrested on a warrant issued by the Cleveland Police. A telegram was received from him explaining this fact and wishing success.

After a few songs by the Peace Chorus, EDDIE FISHER read his speech and then asked for donations of \$100. Dr. MARCUS GOLDMAN was the first and only contributor of \$100.00. Donations of \$50 were requested and AL BERNSTEIN was one of several who contributed this amount. After receiving only a few large donations, FISHER requested smaller and smaller amounts until the total sum of \$570 in cash and \$196 in pledges was received.

The principal speaker of the evening was I. F. STONE, Columnist for the New York Daily Compass. He admitted that he is a socialist; however, he stated that regardless of whether a person is a socialist, a Communist, or the like, he should not be persecuted or prosecuted for his political beliefs. He stated that the government has no case against the Communists and proceeded to point out where they were failing to prove their case and were using hearsay evidence. That was the main theme of his talk.

In Mr. WOOD's talk, he referred to ELIZABETH BENTLEY as "the lowest, slimiest individual". (Information received from other coverage of the above meeting indicates that the above reference was made concerning MARY STALCUP MARKWARD instead of ELIZABETH BENTLEY, as informant reports.) WOOD told of how she made friends and accepted their hospitality and then lied in the court of law about them. He also commented about people flying the confederate flag, stating that they were in favor of slavery, and that it was a KKK drive. He wondered why they were not prosecuted instead of the Communists, because the Communists offer more to the American negro. They were going to open the floor for discussion but when Mr. STONE ended his talk there was not sufficient time so the meeting was adjourned.

After the meeting, [redacted] and informant discussed the taking of persons to Philadelphia to attend [redacted]

[redacted] During this time, MARTHA MALKIN gave \$90 to GERTRUDE EVANS who, in turn, gave it to EMMA ROBINSON. This money represented dues and pledges from the Northwest Club of the ~~Communist~~ *Progressive* Party.

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Informant furnished an announcement of the above meeting of subject committee, which will be furnished to Special Agent [redacted] to whom the case is assigned.

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TO : SAC, WFO (100-24628)

DATE: DEC 3 1951

FROM : [REDACTED] SA

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON COMMITTEE TO DEFEND THE
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On November 17, 1951, [REDACTED] made available to the writer a handwritten report, the pertinent substance of which is being set forth herein. Informant's original handwritten report is being maintained in 66-2036. (C) (u)

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Informant reported that on November 14, 1951, captioned committee held a meeting at the Odd Fellows Hall, 9th and T Streets, Northwest at 8:30 P. M. Informant estimated that there were approximately 250 people in attendance at this meeting.

The following named individuals known to the informant, were present at this meeting: (C) (u)

MARCUS GOLDMAN
THELMA DALE
CHARLOTTE YOUNG
SOPHIE RICH
REBECCA PEARLMAN
LOUIS PEARLMAN
ROB HALL
MICKY HALL
WILLIAM JOHNSON
SALLIE PEEK
LOUELLA WILLIAMS
LYNWOOD CUNDIFF
JOHN RUDDER
DORIS RUDDER
MR. and MRS. DAVE SIEGAL
JOSEPH RINIS
GERTRUDE RINIS
RAY PINKSON
BETTY HAYS
OLIVER PALMER
BEA PALMER
EMMA ROBINSON
AL UNDERWOOD
MORRIS MURRAY
ANN YALOM

ED FISHER
JULIUS KAPLAN
MARY CHURCH TERRELL
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CASEY GUREWITZ
HELEN GUREWITZ
LILLIAN CLOTT
ESTAR PASKOFF
ROY WOOD
LARIENE WOOD
DOROTHY ROSE BLUMBERG
JEAN FRANKFELD
MR. and MRS. GEORGE MEYERS
SARAH d' AVILA
BRUSS
(Czech Embassy)
ARTHUR STEIN
DR. IRVING WINIK
AL SHERMAN
VIC FLEISCHER
WILLIAM SHONICK
HELEN SHONICK

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The first to speak at this gathering was the Chairman, MARCUS GOLDMAN, who spoke of the excessive bail for the Communist Party leaders, pointing out that bail for murderers was much less. GOLDMAN stated that President TRUMAN is attempting to set up thought control in the United States.

Next on the agenda was a speech by Mrs. MARY CHURCH TERRELL who pledged herself to fight for the Bill of Rights in all of its forms.

JEAN FRANKFELD described the event surrounding her arrest in Cleveland, Ohio, and the arrest of her husband at the New York Airport. She explained how the FBI in handcuffing her embarrassed her before her child. JEAN FRANKFELD thanked the people of Maryland and the District of Columbia for raising the money for their release from jail.

ROY WOOD made a speech informing those present of his experiences in the Baltimore City Jail, thanking the people of Maryland and the District of Columbia for arranging his release. WOOD brought up the subject of the Confederate flags now being shown in public places in open defiance by the people. He reminded those in attendance that these people have no respect for law and order, pointing out that the negro people were enslaved under this flag. He also spoke of how MARY STALLCUP MARKWARD betrayed the people she brought into the party and noted that the American Legion had given her "a great send off" and that she was scheduled to speak before the Knights of Columbus that very evening.

MARCUS GOLDMAN introduced Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE MEYERS, MAURICE BRAVERMAN and LARIENE WOOD. GOLDMAN also spoke of how the rights of the negro people have been taken away by restricting them from schools and public eating places.

EDWARD FISHER, President of Local 471, spoke in favor of the Bill of Rights and pointed out how the negro and white workers must struggle together for unity. FISHER then started the fund raising ceremonies by asking for one-hundred dollar contributions. MARCUS GOLDMAN was the first to donate one-hundred dollars. The informant learned that there was approximately seven hundred dollars raised at this meeting in pledges and cash.

The meeting was concluded with a speech by I. F. STONE.

Informant made available a pamphlet distributed at the above meeting which was published by the Communist Party of Maryland and Washington, D. C., entitled "Arrest JIM CROWE and LYNCHING Not Working Class Leaders." This pamphlet will be maintained as an exhibit in 100-421A, Literature and Pamphlets.

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TO : SAC, WFO (100-24628)

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FROM : SA, GILBERT G. BENJAMIN

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On November 15, 1951, Washington Security Informant [redacted] furnished the writer verbally information concerning her attendance at a meeting of the captioned organization on November 14, 1951. (P) (u)

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On November 23, 1951, she furnished the writer with a written report concerning her attendance at the above meeting which report is set out below. Copies of this report will be designated for the appropriate individual files and the original will be maintained in WFO 66-2037: (P) (u)

"On Wednesday evening, November 14th, 1951, 7:45 P.M., I met [redacted] in front of [redacted] from which point we proceeded [redacted]

[redacted] - arriving at our destination the 'Odd Fellows' Auditorium at exactly 8 P.M. (P) (u)

"We found 'SUE POSTON,' ANNIE YALOM, and two young men (unknown to me) waiting for the auditorium to be opened. One of the men assumed charge, by placing chairs, tables, etc. (P) (u)

"By 8:30 - the auditorium, which is small, was filled by approximately 175 to 200 persons. MARCUS GOLDMAN, was Chairman of the meeting. Seated on the platform were: Mrs. PHIL FRANKFELD; ROY WOOD; ED FISHER (of the Cafeteria Workers' Union).

"Among those in attendance whom I recognized were: MARGARET SHIPMAN; LILLIAN CLOTT; GERTRUDE EVANS; ESTHER TABACK; ELIZABETH (from N.C. good member of Wash. Bookshop); FRED BLOSSOM; HENRIETTA STERNS; INEZ SAGER; MARCUS GOLDMAN, and MARY CHURCH TERRELL; also MARCUS GOLDMAN's wife. (P) (u)

"MAURICE BRAVERMAN; Mr. and Mrs. MEYERS were introduced from the floor. (P) (u)

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"MARCUS GOLDMAN opened the meeting by asking all to stand and sing 'The Star Spangled Banner.' Possibly, ten voices made a sorry attempt, after which GOLDMAN said the Washington Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights was 'organized to act,' and was going to continue to grow and work, and that 'it is because of your determination, that these people are with us tonight.' (S) (u)

"GOLDMAN then presented ROY WOOD, much applause. WOOD made such remarks as 'gratefulness to Washington group for raising bail,' that 'THOMAS JEFFERSON advocated changing the Government if it was the wish of the people,' and 'that's what we intend to do.' The 'Bill of Rights gives us that right.' Much applause. (S) (u)

"Mrs. FRANKFELD was presented as a school teacher in Baltimore. She 'told of her husband being in New York, and she in Ohio, and both being arrested at the same time,' and meeting her husband in jail in Baltimore. She said, 'her home had been "ransacked," and that the F.B.I. had frightened her mother, and her own two children.' Mrs. FRANKFELD also urged the Washington Committee to become stronger, and thanked them for raising the bail. She also said that 'it would not be possible to be here tonight if you hand's of been on the job.' (S) (u)

"GOLDMAN introduced MARY CHURCH TERRELL, (sitting on first row, floor) as the grand old lady of Washington. She arose and took a bow - and later gave \$10.00 to the Committee. (S) (u)

"Mr. and Mrs. MEYERS, BRAVERMAN were introduced from first and second row seats, on floor. They took bows amid much applause - they did not speak. (S) (u)

"ED FISHER, Negro - Cafeteria Workers Union - was next, and last introduced by GOLDMAN. FISHER stressed the need of a strong committee to Defend the Bill of Rights here in Washington. He then called aggressively for contributions - first for \$100 bills with no response until MARCUS GOLDMAN gave one. He got nowhere with calls for \$50 and finally called for \$10.00 - and with Mrs. GOLDMAN passing the hat, he collected \$576 or \$578 - not certain odd figure. (S) (u)

"When FISHER called for \$10.00, a very well dressed man in the front row, two rows ahead of me, put his hand up. FISHER asked his name - the man said 'never mind.' After that, no names were called. (S) (u)

"I understood the name of AL STEIN called, giving \$10.00.

"After collection, V.F. STONE, was presented as speaker. He gave a brief talk on why the Smith Act should be repealed - saying there were laws already to take care of any situation. (b)(m)

"He spoke of his recent trip abroad, and said 'you'll never know how refreshing it was to be out of this country for a year.' The applause was tremendous. He referred to the 'brave people whom you have demanded release'. He closed his brief remarks by saying 'We'll lick the F.B.I. bastards yet, and give the Bill of Rights back to the people.' (u)(b)

"Before closing GOLDMAN announced Bazaar at Inspiration House, and also to pick up 'good reading' at back table. I went to the table and got material from ESTHER TABACK, former manager of Washington Bookshop. I left the building after speaking to FRED BLOSSOM and HENRIETTA STERNS. and [redacted]

[redacted] said 'I wonder how many F.B.I. men were in the crowd, you know it was a Communist meeting.' I said 'I wouldn't know one if I were to see him, but what do you mean Communist meeting.' She answered, 'well, nearly everybody there was a Communist.' The conversation was then turned to 'what a good meeting it was.....' (b)(m)

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TO : SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD 100-24628

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: THE WASHINGTON COMMITTEE TO DEFEND
THE BILL OF RIGHTS
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DATE: 12/11/51

On November 14, 1951, Special Agents [REDACTED], GILBERT G. BENJAMIN, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] attended a mass meeting of the above organization, which was held at the Odd Fellows Hall, 9th and T Streets, N. W. The total number of individuals present was approximately 200 to 225, among whom the following individuals were identified by agents who attended:

The following individuals in attendance were known to Agents

[REDACTED] BENJAMIN and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] 100-23447

[REDACTED] 65-1131

[REDACTED] 100-17650

[REDACTED] 121-3642

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The following were known to Agents [redacted] and BENJAMIN:

[redacted] 100-6561	[redacted] 100-4740	
[redacted] 100-23634	[redacted] 100-14004	
[redacted] 66-2238	[redacted] 100-12577	
[redacted] 100-18072	[redacted] 100-19310	
[redacted] 100-3103	[redacted] 121-32	
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[redacted] 101-439		
[redacted] 100-5558		
[redacted] 100-23497		

The following were known to Agents [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] 100-17536
[redacted] 101-312

Those present known to Agent BENJAMIN:

[redacted] 100-18284	[redacted] 100-23107
[redacted] 66-2498	[redacted] 100-18536

Those present known to Agent [redacted]

[redacted] 100-20644	[redacted] 100-2680
[redacted] 100-18954	[redacted] 100-18303
[redacted] 121-1161	[redacted] 100-18470
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Those present known to Agent [redacted]

[redacted] 100-6459	[redacted] 100-24000
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TO : SAC, WFO (100-24628) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DATE: DEC 13 1951

FROM : [REDACTED] SA

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On November 26, 1951, [REDACTED] furnished the
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On November 14, 1951, the Washington Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights sponsored a public meeting at Odd Fellows Hall, 9th and T Streets, N.W., which meeting lasted from nine to eleven p.m. Among the some 250 persons present Informant identified the following: (S) (u)

BELTZER, ELEANOR
 BELTZER, JOE
 BIRD, BARBARA ANN
 BLOSSOM, FREDERICK
 BLUMBERG, DOROTHY
 BRAVERMAN, MAURICE
 BROWN, ELDRIDGE
 BROWN, MRS. ELDRIDGE
 BRUCE, ROBERT
 CLOTT, LILLIAN
 CUNDIFF, LYNWOOD
 DALE, THELMA
 EVANS, GERTRUDE
 FELTER, BURTON
 FISHER, EDWARD
 FORER, JOE
 FRANKFELD, REGINA
 GLAZIER, BILL
 GOLDMAN, ELIZABETH
 GOLDMAN, MARCUS
 GUREWITZ, CLARENCE
 GUREWITZ, HELEN
 HALL, ROB
 HYAMS, JACOB
 IRVING, MARY
 JOHNSON, BILL
 KAPLIN, JULIUS

KLAFTER, FRANCES
 LAUTMAN, BOB
 MALKIN, MARTHA
 MEYERS, GEORGE
 MURRAY, MORRIS
 PALMER, OLIVER
 PASCOFF, ESTAR
 PEEK, SALLIE
 REIN, DAVID
 REIN, SELMA
 ROBINSON, EMMA
 RUDDER, JOHN
 RUDDER, MRS. JOHN
 SHIPMAN, MARGARET
 SHONICK, HELEN
 SHONICK, WILLIAM
 STEIN, ANNIE
 STEIN, ARTHUR
 STERN, HENRIETTA
 STONE, I. F.
 SUROVELL, ESTHER
 TERRELL, MARY CHURCH
 UNDERWOOD, AL
 WOOD, LARIENE
 WOOD, ROY
 WILLIAMS, LOUELLA
 YALOM, ANN

The master of ceremonies for the evening was MARCUS GOLDMAN. Other speakers included I. F. STONE of the New York Daily Compass, who was the main speaker of the evening; EDDIE FISHER of the Local 71, United Cafeteria Workers Union, gave the fund raising speech; ROY WOOD, DOROTHY BLUMBERG, MARY CHURCH TERRELL, REGINA FRANKFELD.

MAURICE BRAVERMAN and GEORGE MEYERS were introduced to the audience; however, they did not speak.

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At the rear of the hall was a literature table which, among other periodicals, contained a book by GEORGE MARION, "The Communist Trial and American Crossroads." Other periodicals observed for sale were the National Guardian Newspaper, Freedom Newspaper and several publications dealing with peace. ESTAR PASCOFF and ELEANOR BELTZER were observed by Informant as being in charge of the table.

The persons known to Informant acting as ushers, under the guidance of BOB LAUTMAN, were Mrs. ELIZABETH GOLDMAN, BURTON FELTER, MORRIS MURRAY, BOB LAUTMAN.

Following the fund raising speech by EDDIE FISHER a collection was made in the audience and approximately \$500.00 was collected. An additional \$100.00 was pledged to the organization from persons in the audience. MARCUS GOLDMAN started the donations rolling with a gift of \$100.00.

MARCUS GOLDMAN in his introductory remarks said that some \$77,000.00 bail had been raised to free the Washington - Baltimore Communists who had been arrested under the Smith Act.

ROY WOOD in his speech contributed his being out of jail to members of the audience and supporters of the Washington Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights. WOOD lashed out at "government stool pigeons" and referred to Mrs. MARY STALCUP MARKWARD in this respect. He described her as one who had recruited persons into the Communist Party "just to turn their names over to the FBI."

JEAN FRANKFELD described how arrests under the Smith Act affected whole families and related the incidents surrounding her arrests and that of her husband, BILL FRANKFELD and how it affected her family but that she was glad to announce that she and her husband and children were now living under one roof in Baltimore.

I. F. STONE was the main speaker of the evening. He generalized on what he termed were three weak links in the government's case against the Communist under the Smith Act.

BOB LAUTMAN was responsible for the general program of the meeting.

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The Washington "Peace Chorus" under the direction of BILL SHONICK sang several songs including "Hallelujah" and "Willie McGee". Of the nine individuals comprising the "Peace Chorus" Informant identified the following: ESTHER SUROVELL; CASEY GUREWITZ (pianist), BILL SHONICK (leader), JOE BELTZER, LYNNWOOD CUNDIFF, and JACOB HYAMS.

Attached to Informant's original report and being retained therewith is the announcement of the Washington Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights meeting, described above, which Informant advises was sent through the mail in the form of general invitations to the affair. Informant orally advised that it was his understanding that BOB LAUTMAN was responsible for the mimeographing of the announcement. Also attached with Informant's report are mimeographed slips which were to be filled out by members of the audience interested in being informed of the Washington Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights' activities. One of the slips so furnished by the Informant contained the name MARGARET SHIPMAN, Address, 125 5th Street, N.E.

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[REDACTED] WAS. IS-C. DAYLET. [REDACTED] ADVISED SUBJECT WAS CONTACTED ON DECEMBER TWELVE, LAST BY I.F. STONE OF DAILY COMPASS. [REDACTED] INDICATED IN A SERIES OF ARTICLES HE HAS BEEN DOING FOR DAILY WORKER ON PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES, HE IS SAYING WHAT IS NEEDED IS CANDIDATE THAT TAKES TWO POSITIONS, THAT WAR IS NOT INEVITABLE AND PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE IS POSSIBLE. STONE INDICATED TAFT NEAREST THING TO THAT AND HE IS NOT MUCH GOOD. INFORMANT FURTHER ADVISED [REDACTED] ADVISED STONE THAT HE THINKS ATTORNEY GENERAL MC GRATH WILL BE FIRED AND QUOTE THEY ARE GOING TO PUT IN HOOVER. UNQUOTE. TO CLEAN THE MESS UP. SUBJECT EXPRESSED HOPE THIS IS NOT DONE. STONE WAS OF OPINION HE WOULD RATHER HAVE HOOVER WORKING ON THAT THAN ON RADICALS. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED DIRECTOR AS "A FASCIST". SUBJECT INFORMED STONE AT A BAZAAR HELD DECEMBER EIGHT IN WASHINGTON, D.C. WHICH BAZAAR SPONSORED BY WASHINGTON COMMITTEE TO DEFEND BILL OF RIGHTS, THREE HUNDRED PEOPLE ATTENDED AND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS RAISED. STONE INDICATED HE HAD ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCES IN EVERY TOWN EXCEPT SYRACUSE AND THOUGHT THAT MEANS PEOPLE ARE READY TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT SMITH ACT. FOR INFO ONLY. INFORMANT'S IDENTITY MUST BE PROTECTED. (S)

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Surveillance indicates subject visited Israeli Consulate, Jewish Agency for Palestine, and WMCA building. Informant advised subject was invited to Civil Rights Congress meeting, but declined, stating he did not want to correlate his work with CRC. 12½ St. Lukes Place, NYC, is apartment of LEONARD BOUDIN. Information on contacts of STONE set out.

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DETAILS:

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that I. F. STONE has been residing at 1133 Park Avenue, New York City, since late August or September 1951. STONE resides in Apartment 7E, which faces east. The STONE family consists of his wife, ESTHER, two boys and one girl. According to T-1, the girl is away at college, while the two boys go to school each day in New York City. Informant said as far as he can determine the STONES have few visitors, no known friends in the apartment house, and keep very much to themselves. Mrs. STONE does not work and, according to this informant, I. F. STONE goes to work at different times during the day and on some days is not seen leaving the apartment house up until 3 p.m. in the afternoon. Informant stated that STONE has no automobile.

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Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that I. F. STONE received the following correspondence at his home, 1133 Park Avenue, during October and November 1951:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sender</u>	<u>Post Office</u>
October 27, 1951	Office of High Commissioner for Germany	Frankfurt, Germany
October 29, 1951	C. M. S. < DAUGHTER Davis House	Northampton, ^{b6} ^{b7C} ss.
October 29, 1951	Hamilton National Bank 619 14th St., N.W.	Washington, D. C.
October 31, 1951	American Association for the United Nations 45 East 65th Street	New York, N. Y.
October 31, 1951	The New York City Anti-Crime Commission 270 Park Avenue	New York, N. Y.
October 31, 1951	"The Nation" 20 Vesey Street	New York, N. Y.
November 1, 1951	D. G. C, American Embassy	Havana, Cuba
November 15, 1951	FRANK J. KORNACKER 53 West Jackson Boulevard	Chicago 4, Illinois
November 27, 1951	J. PEARLMAN 3 Nash Court	Stamford, Connecticut

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Sender</u>	<u>Post Office</u>
November 30, 1951	M. RAITMINN 5854 Pine Street	Philadelphia, Pa. (X)
November 30, 1951	Israel Speaks 250 West 57th St.	New York, N. Y.

Israel Speaks

This is a semimonthly publication of Israel Speaks, Inc., formerly known as Americans for Haganah, Inc. The latter organization, Americans for Haganah, Inc., was disbanded and in February 1949 the present organization, known as Israel Speaks, Inc., was incorporated.

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised that the officers of Israel Speaks, Inc. were as follows:

President	ABRAHAM FEINBERG
Vice President	MAX SWIREN
Secretary	NAHUM A. BERNSTEIN
Executive Director	DAVID WAHL
Treasurer	LEON MOHILL

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The Americans for Haganah, Inc. was described as the information center in the United States devoted to rallying public opinion behind the authoritative resistance movement in Palestine. Haganah was the Jewish Army founded to defend Palestine before Palestine became a state. Haganah was disbanded when Israel became a Jewish state.

Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED]

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Physical Surveillances

On October 29, 1951, a physical surveillance was instituted by SA's [redacted] and [redacted] at subject's residence, 1133 Park Avenue. At approximately 1 p.m. on this date, STONE emerged from 1133 Park Avenue and walked to the Third Avenue elevated, where he took a downtown train to the City Hall station, from which he walked to his office at the "Daily Compass", 164 Duane Street. At approximately 5:30 p.m., STONE emerged from the offices of the "Daily Compass" and took the Third Avenue "El" back to his residence at 1133 Park Avenue, arriving at approximately 6:10 p.m. Subject was not seen, and at approximately 8 p.m. the surveillance was discontinued.

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On October 30, 1951, the same agents as noted above observed STONE leave his residence at approximately 12:05 p.m. This time STONE boarded a downtown bus at the corner of Madison Avenue and 90th Street and got off the bus at 70th Street and Madison Avenue. He walked to 11 East 70th Street and entered the building which houses the Consulate General of Israel at approximately 12:17 p.m. At 1:11 p.m. STONE emerged from 11 East 70th Street and walked to Madison Avenue and 69th Street, where he met two men.

Number 1 was described as 50 to 55 years of age, five feet, eight inches, 155 to 160 lbs., dark kinky hair, moustache, dark complexion, wearing brown suit and no hat.

The second male was described as 55 to 60 years of age, five feet, five inches, 150 lbs., stocky build, dark hair (graying), wearing dark gray coat and dark hat.

STONE and these two men walked south on Madison Avenue and met a third man and two women. STONE and these five people entered the Nancy Lord Re taurant near the south-east corner of 65th Street and Madison Avenue at approximately 1:30 p.m. At 2:20 p.m., STONE and these five individuals emerged from the restaurant and Man No. 1 and STONE separated from the others.

Unidentified Man No. 3 was described as 30 years of age, six feet tall, 180 lbs., short blond hair, light complexion, horn-rimmed glasses, gray jacket, dark pants, no hat, no coat.

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Unidentified Woman No. 1 was described as 20 to 25 years of age, five feet, nine inches tall, 120 to 125 lbs., slender build, straight brown hair cut in a bob, dark complexion.

Unidentified Woman No. 2 was described as 55 to 60 years of age, five feet, four inches tall, 135 lbs., stocky build, rugged features, tan complexion, well-dressed.

At approximately 2:25 p.m., STONE and Unidentified Man No. 1 entered 18 East 66th Street, address of the Economic Department of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. At 2:55 p.m., STONE emerged from 18 East 66th Street and proceeded by taxicab to the "Daily Compass" building. At 4:20 p.m., STONE left the "Compass" building, walked to the Automat Restaurant at the corner of Chambers Street and West Broadway. At 4:35 p.m., he left the Automat Restaurant and returned to the "Compass" building. At 6:10 p.m., STONE emerged from the "Compass" building, walked to the Third Avenue "El" and proceeded home.

A photograph of DAVID R. WAHL was exhibited to the surveilling agents in an effort to determine if DAVID WAHL was identical with Unidentified Man No. 1, whose physical description fits somewhat that of WAHL. However, the surveilling agents could not state that the photograph of WAHL was identical with Unidentified Man No. 1.

On October 31, 1951, the same agents noted STONE come out of his residence at 1133 Park Avenue at approximately 1:15 p.m. He took the Lexington Avenue express at 86th Street and Lexington Avenue to the Fulton Street stop, and then boarding a Broadway bus, proceeded to Pearl Street, where he alighted and walked to the "Compass" building. At approximately 5:45 p.m., STONE left the "Compass" building and took the Lexington Avenue subway to his home. At 7:30 p.m., the surveillance outside 1133 Park Avenue was discontinued for security reasons.

On November 7, 1951, SA's [redacted] and the writer instituted a physical surveillance at the "Daily Compass" building, 164 Duane Street. STONE emerged from the building at approximately 5:50 p.m., proceeded to the Chambers Street stop on the IRT subway and transferred at 42nd Street to the shuttle train to Grand Central Station.

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Here he boarded an uptown Lexington Avenue train and went home. At approximately 7:40 p.m., STONE was observed leaving 1133 Park Avenue, and after walking a few blocks, took a taxi to Broadway and 52nd Street, where he entered the WMCA building at 1657 Broadway at 7:55 p.m. At 8:50 p.m., STONE left 1657 Broadway and proceeded on foot via Broadway to the R. Gordon and Company (bookshop) at 32 East 59th Street, where he purchased a newspaper. At 9:04 p.m., he entered the Argosy Bookshop at 114 East 59th Street. At 9:40 p.m., he left the Argosy Bookshop and walked to Lexington Avenue and 59th Street, where he took an uptown bus to his home, entering 1133 Park Avenue at 9:46 p.m.

Surveilling agents noted a light on in the Nola Studios, which is located in the WMCA building at 1657 Broadway, at the time that STONE entered this building, 7:55 p.m. on November 7, 1951. Consequently, Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, who is in a position to advise as to anyone using the Nola Studios, was contacted, but he advised that no meeting of any kind was held in the Nola Studios at 1657 Broadway, New York City, on the evening of November 7, 1951. Therefore, it would appear that STONE's business at this address on this date was in some other part of the WMCA building.

On November 8, 1951, SA's PAUL J. BLASCO, WALTER A. WANGENHEIM and the writer were on duty at the "Compass" building from 3 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. without seeing the subject. The same agents were on duty from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. in the vicinity of 1133 Park Avenue without seeing the subject.

On November 9, 1951, SA's WALTER A. WANGENHEIM, [redacted] and the writer observed STONE leave the "Compass" building at 4:15 p.m. and enter a restaurant on the corner of Reade Street and Hudson Street, New York City, which is one block from the "Compass" building. At 4:30 p.m., subject left this restaurant and walked to the park across from the "Compass" building. Shortly thereafter he re-entered the "Compass" building. At 5:10 p.m. on this date, he emerged from the "Compass" building and followed the IRT Lexington Avenue line subway to his home, entering at 5:10 p.m. At 9:30 p.m., the surveillance was discontinued and the subject had not been seen leaving his home.

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Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, advised that ARNOLD JOHNSON, Organizer for the Civil Rights Congress, and the subject discussed a CRC meeting to be held on Friday afternoon, November 16, 1951, to discuss the Smith Act. As informant recalls, STONE refused to attend, stating that he had too much work to do and adding that he did not want to correlate his work with the Civil Rights Congress. STONE advised the informant that while he supports most of the Civil Rights Congress ideas, he and the Civil Rights Congress do not always see eye to eye on every issue.

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It will be recalled that the subject's daughter, [redacted] listed a mailing address as [redacted] New York City, in June 1951. Investigation at this address indicates that among people residing there is LEONARD B. BOUDIN. It is noted that LEONARD BOUDIN of New York City, an attorney, represented JUDITH COPLON, convicted Soviet espionage agent, during her trial in New York City, and is related to STONE by marriage.

Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, advised that on August 13, 1951, the subject was in receipt of a communication from 40 West 44th Street, New York City. Investigation in this vicinity indicates that there is no such number as 40 West 44th Street, but 42 West 44th Street is the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and is a large office building that may also use the number, 40 West 44th Street. (S)

Confidential Informant T-9, of known reliability, advised that I. F. STONE was to speak before the Monthly Review Associates on November 27, 1951, on the topic, "The Socialist Approach to Peace and Civil Liberties".

Confidential Informant T-10, of known reliability, furnished a four-page flyer in April 1949, which announced that a new magazine entitled, "Monthly Review", was being published in May 1949. This flyer indicated that "Monthly Review" classified itself as "an independent socialist magazine". The editors are LEO HUBERMAN and PAUL M. SWEETZ.

As of June 7, 1949, Confidential Informant T-11, another government agency that conducts intelligence investigations, advised that "a study of the articles contained (in the "Monthly Review") and a background check of the editors

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"and contributors reveals that this magazine is Communist inspired and follows the approved Communist Party line." T-11 advised that LEO HUBERMAN was a sponsor of the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy and an endorser of the conference called by the Civil Rights Congress for "Civil Rights and in Defense of the 12 Communist Leaders".

It will be noted that both the Civil Rights Congress and the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy are organizations declared by the Attorney General to fall within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

On April 25, 1951, Confidential Informant T-12, of known reliability, made available a communication received from the Monthly Review Associates, 66 Barrow Street, New York City. This letter is dated April 9, 1951, and was signed by HENRY PRATT FAIRFIELD, Chairman of the Monthly Review Associates. In this letter it was announced that a group of "Monthly Review" subscribers formed the organization, Monthly Review Associates, in January 1951. The letter reflects the purposes of the organization to be twofold: To provide the readers of the magazine the opportunity to discuss and support the ideas expressed in the publication and to help support the magazine thereby. In connection with the first purpose, the letter reflects that lectures, forums and informal discussions would be sponsored. The letter also reflects that ALSINE AUSTIN was Treasurer of the organization.

An undated Personal History Statement in the files of the Office of Price Administration reflects that one MARCUS VOSK listed as a reference I. F. STONE, a writer. The OPA personnel file maintained in the National Archives at Washington, D. C., indicates that MARCUS VOSK entered on duty with OPA January 16, 1942. Also, it indicates that VOSK was born September 27, 1907, in Russia. His father and mother were also born in Russia, and he became a citizen through his father's naturalization in June 1924. He was previously employed by Amtorg Trading Corporation, New York City, from October 1929 to August 1933 and again from September 1934 to May 1939. He listed his supervisor at Amtorg from 1934 to 1939 as S. SELDAKOV and a Mr. SHIPMAN. VOSK was described as born 1907, height - five feet, six inches, weight - 150 lbs., eyes green, hair blond, complexion ruddy. He is now employed in the Research Department of the American Jewish Committee, 386 Fourth Avenue, New York City, and resides at

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Apartment 71-A, Rye Colony, Peck and Midlands Street, Rye, New York. This information was obtained during an interview with VOSK by SA's [redacted] and [redacted] of the New York Office. It was the opinion of interviewing agents who questioned VOSK about Amtorg that while VOSK professed to be cooperative, he appeared to be withholding information and his answers to specific questions were vague and indefinite.

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The "Daily Compass", November 14, 1951, indicated that I. F. STONE was to address a public meeting against the Smith Act in Washington, D. C. on November 14, 1951, at Oddfellows Hall, under the auspices of the Washington Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights. The Washington Field Office was requested to report subject's activities at this meeting.

I. F. STONE's column in the "Daily Compass" for November 11, 1951, is entitled, "Me and the Red Underground". In this column STONE refers to a weekly column in the "New York Herald Tribune" by OGDEN R. REID. STONE writes: "The 'Red Underground' column has begun to expose the fact that I have been making speeches around the country against the Smith Act. I have heard of more sensational exposes. My views on the Smith Act are hardly a secret. I have written thousands of words about the Act in the last few years. I have made 12 speeches in nine cities against the Act since returning from abroad in June.

"I have been fighting the Smith Act for a long time. The Act was passed late in 1940. The first indictment under it was returned on July 15, 1941. I attacked that indictment and the Smith Act in The Nation of July 26, 1941. That article, 'The G-String Conspiracy,' was reprinted by the defense committee. The defendants were then the Minneapolis Trotskyites. The Communist Daily Worker was blindly partisan enough to applaud the prosecutions, as were some of the Communists now themselves on trial.

"Three of my meetings against the Smith Act have turned up in the 'Red Underground' column. The places in which these meetings were held would hardly satisfy a Hollywood director casting a film about the underground. One was in the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia; the second at the Boston Conservatory of Music, and the third at Chopin Hall in Chicago.

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"No attempt was made to hide the true character of these meetings. They were not advertised as violin recitals. I did not pretend to be a lecturer sent out by the National Geographic Society. I did not claim to be a card-carrying Republican. The meetings were open to the public. Except for a few jokes in Yiddish, they were carried on in the English language. It takes a rather overheated imagination to list these as 'underground' meetings.

"To put them in a column headed 'Red Underground' is to smear all those who participated; to imply that they took part in something furtive, undercover and sinister; to link them with activities the Department of Justice regards as criminal.

"The REID column in this way cast a slur on a respected member of the Philadelphia bar, WALTER LONGSTRETH, who was a fellow speaker at the Bellevue-Stratford meeting. LONGSTRETH is a Quaker who has never been counsel for radicals but feels strongly that the Smith Act is unconstitutional. He landed in the 'Red Underground' column, too.

"In a febrile search for hurtful material, the column last Sunday came up with one isolated and garbled sentence from my Chicago speech. I was represented as saying that there was more freedom in the Soviet Union than in the United States. I consider a statement of that kind wholly untrue and politically idiotic. The very fact that I can speak and write as I do rebuts the statement attributed to me."

A. SANTINI

This is probably A. Santini and Sons, Inc., a large storing and moving concern in New York City. It will be recalled that subject recently moved to 1133 Park Avenue, New York City.

FREDERICK STERN

This is probably FREDERICK STERN, Optometrist, 1284 Lexington Avenue, New York City, which is in the Yorkville Section of New York City and in the neighborhood of 1133 Park Avenue, subject's residence.

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JULIUS BRAUN

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This is probably JULIUS BRAUN, Wines and Liquors, 1361 Lexington Avenue, which is located a few blocks from subject's residence.

DR. BERNARD KRONENBERG

HARRY ARTHUR LEVINE furnished the name of Dr. BERNARD KRONENBERG, 302 West 12th Street, New York City, to his Selective Service Board as the person who would always know his whereabouts. In a signed statement dated October 16, 1947, Dr. JOSEPH BENJAMIN STENBUCK identified HARRY ARTHUR LEVINE as the individual who in 1933 induced him to act as a mail drop in the ROBERT OSMAN espionage case. LEVINE was the husband of PAULINE JACOBSON LEVINE, known Soviet espionage agent in France in the 1930's, who fled to Russia.

It is not known if the Dr. BERNARD KRONENBERG who was a contact of STONE is identical with the Dr. BERNARD KRONENBERG who was a contact of LEVINE.

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INFORMANTS

T-1: [redacted] at 1133 Park Avenue, New York City, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., contacted by the writer.

T-2: [A mail cover maintained on subject at 1133 Park Avenue, New York City.] (S)

T-3: [redacted]

T-4: Not used.

T-5: [redacted] as reported to SA's [redacted] and [redacted]

T-6: [redacted] Nola Studios, 1657 Broadway, contacted by the writer.

T-7: [redacted]

T-8: [A mail cover placed on subject's former business address at 1416 F Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.] (S)

T-9: A confidential mail box of the New York Office.

T-10: Boston - [redacted]

T-11: G-2, Governors Island, New York.

T-12: [redacted]

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LEADS

BOSTON

At Northampton, Massachusetts

Will identify the individual, C. M. S., of the Davis House, who addressed correspondence to STONE. (S)

CHICAGO

At Chicago, Illinois

Will identify FRANK J. KORNACKER, 53 West Jackson Boulevard.

NEW HAVEN

At Stamford, Connecticut

Will identify J. PEARLMAN of 3 Nash Court.

PHILADELPHIA

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Will identify M. RAITMINN, 5854 Pine Street.

WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D. C.

Will determine through State Department records the identity of D. G. C., American Embassy, Havana, Cuba.

Will also monitor the bank account of I. F. STONE at the Hamilton National Bank to determine the sources of his income.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will follow and report the subject's activities and contacts through use of mail covers, physical surveillances and other informants. (c)

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] New York, 10/29/51.
Report of SA FRANCIS J. DUANE, Washington Field,
11/16/51.

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WASHINGTON COMMITTEE TO DEFEND THE BILL OF RIGHTS

On December 19, 1951, [] furnished Special Agent []
[] a report dated December 14, 1951, on a meeting of the subject
committee held on []

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[] The original report will be filed in WFO 66-2498-Sub A.

Informant reported that ten people attended this meeting, including
the informant, and these ten individuals are listed as follows: []

Agenda:

Minutes

Finances: Before Bazaar \$2256.20
Bazaar Expenses 242.00
Profit from Bazaar 825.00

\$40 of the expenses for the Bill of Rights meeting was paid to
Mr. I. F. STONE for speaking.

Bazaar

New Fund Raising

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Finances: \$300 to Lawyer BUCHMAN (HAROLD), Baltimore
\$100 to Lawyer BRAVERMAN (MAURICE), Baltimore
\$200 to Lawyer JOE FORER, no longer connected with the Baltimore case.
\$50 to unnamed lawyer in Baltimore for research.

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cc: 100-25060 (Marie Richardson Defense Committee)

100-20866 (D. C. Progressive Party)

100-1149 (I. W. O.)

101-509

100-12577

100-20644

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100-17579

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(I. F. STONE)

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Bazaar: Very successful. Small amount of material remained which was given to REBECCA PEARIMAN to hold for next Bazaar.

A motion was passed to send one year gift subscription to Inspiration House of National Guardian and Freedom in appreciation of the secretary standing up to the FBI.

A floor of Inspiration House is being set aside to honor MARY CHURCH TERRELL. ESTAR PASKOFF said that any literature remaining unsold after the bazaar was given to Inspiration House for the MARY CHURCH TERRELL floor library.

Literature from the Bill of Rights meeting was held and some was given to LILLIAN CLOTT to distribute.

New Fund Raising :

The fund raising committee is supposed to meet and devise new schemes to raise funds. The goal is set at \$10,000. This committee consists of five persons, including HERMAN CLOTT, JOE FORER, and ROB HALL.

General Information:

A new committee was formed to combat the MARIE RICHARDSON case being brought to trial January 17, 1951, for perjury in filling out a government Form 57. The theme of the defense is infringement upon an individual's political beliefs. The temporary chairman of this committee is SALLIE PEEK and temporary treasurer is GERTRUDE EVANS. The Bill of Rights Committee passed a motion to contribute \$50 to this new committee which "New York says" must be a separate committee.

ROY WOOD instituted a project for mailing leaflets and postcards to people on the Progressive Party mailing list. These are to be signed by the recipients and mailed to President TRUMAN. These cards will call for (1) no reindictment of the California Fifteen; (2) dismissal of charges on those indicted in Baltimore under the Smith Act; and (3) investigation and prosecution of Department of Justice.

On December 14, 1951, ROY WOOD is to see JOHN STONE in the National Press Building, who is going to compose the leaflet and postcard. ROY WOOD will then give the composition to GERTRUDE EVANS, who will mimeograph the leaflets and have the postcards printed at 930 F Street, N.W., (1000 of each). IRV. TEITLERBAUM is to pick up the leaflets and postcards at the superintendent's desk at 930 F Street and deliver them to ESTAR PASKOFF's home where they will be addressed by volunteers. (On December 26, 1951, informant furnished the writer a mimeographed copy of the above-mentioned leaflet which is in the form of a letter dated December 17, 1951, bearing the letterhead

"Washington Committee To Defend The Bill Of Rights" and signed by MARCUS J. GOLDMAN; and a copy of the postcard addressed to the President. These will be furnished to SA [] to whom this case is assigned).

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The next meeting of the MARIE RICHARDSON Defense Committee will be held at the apartment of LILLIAN CLOTT on Monday night, December 17, 1951. Dr. GOLDMAN wanted ESTAR PASKOFF and friends to attend this committee meeting; however, only ESTAR and/or HELEN GUREWITZ will attend.

The next meeting of the Washington Committee To Defend The Bill Of Rights will be on January 3, 1952.

[] is in George Washington Hospital, illness unknown, but is believed an operation is needed.

[] has been before the NLRB for two weeks. He has remarried. His wife, [] is about 5'11", 135 lbs., blonde stringy hair, blue eyes, pale complexion, sloppy, poor posture, loud. She is from lower east side, New York City, and they have a 2½ year old boy with red hair.

ROY WOOD was in Baltimore on December 12th for a mass meeting. The approximate attendance of this meeting was said to be 350 to 400. About \$600 was raised. I.F. STONE was a speaker.

The International Workers Order is going to give a New Year's party. The Washington Committee To Defend The Bill of Rights had planned to give one but has cancelled its plans in order to support the I.W.O. party.

Instant meeting of subject committee on December 13, 1951, was held in the office of BILL GLAZIER (of IIWU) who is an old member of the committee but has not been present at the past two meetings.

The Cedar Music Shop, operated by BILL SHONICK, is in bad financial condition at the present time, according to HELEN SHONICK.

Informant furnished a copy of an invitation to a Christmas party and peace festival to be held by the Progressive Party of D.C. on Saturday December 15, 1951, at 9:00 p.m. at Cafeteria Hall, 1015 M Street, N.W. Subscription will be \$1.00. The program is listed as follows:

Folk songs - JACKIE GIBSON
Carols - The Peace Chorus
A Skit - Dramatic Group

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 23, 1952

FROM : SAC, New York (100-90640)

SUBJECT: ISIDOR FEINSTEIN STONE, was.
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Pursuant to Bureau instructions, there are enclosed herewith amended pages 3 and 12 of the report of SA [redacted] dated 12/18/51 at New York, in this case. b6 b7C

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Investigative SUMMARY REPORT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: STONE resides 1133 Park Ave., NYC, and is employed as a columnist with the NY "Daily Compass". Two informants identify STONE as a Communist. C.I. T-5 states subject at times agrees with CP line, while at other times he disagrees. STONE condemned conviction of CP leaders. At CP convention in Dec., 1950, JOHN GATES, CP functionary, criticized subject. STONE in contact with numerous individuals identified as Communists. At JAFRC meeting, 4/4/49, subject stated he was a "Red". STONE has spoken at meetings of National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, and Washington Book Shop.

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DETAILS:

BACKGROUND

Birth Data

The passport records at the Department of State, Washington, D. C., contain a certified copy of a birth certificate issued to STONE, May 10, 1937, by the Department of Public Health, Vital Statistics Section, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This certificate indicates that ISIDOR FEINSTEIN was born December 4, 1907, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the son of BARNET, a salesman, and KATIE NOVACK FEINSTEIN, a housewife.

Immigration and Naturalization Service file 9760-204656 disclosed that BARNARD FEINSTEIN filed a Petition for Naturalization on May 27, 1912, in the Wayne, Indiana Circuit Court. FEINSTEIN reported he was born on an unknown date in November, 1876, at Grannov, Russia, and had immigrated to the United States from London, England, on April 12, 1903, arriving at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. FEINSTEIN identified his wife as KATIE FEINSTEIN, a native of Russia, who, along with his son ISIDOR, was residing with him at 1101 Sheridan Street, Richmond, Indiana.

Certificate of Naturalization #204656 was issued to BARNARD FEINSTEIN on January 6, 1913 at Wayne, Indiana. Also included in this certificate was his wife, KATIE. This certificate identified FEINSTEIN'S children as ISIDOR, age five years, and MARCUS, age four months.

Change of Name

The records of the Credit Bureau at Washington, D. C., indicate that ISIDOR FEINSTEIN had his name legally changed to ISIDOR FEINSTEIN STONE in New York City on February 18, 1938.

Education

The 1950-51 edition of "Who's Who in America" disclosed that I. F. STONE was graduated from the Haddonfield High School in Haddonfield, New Jersey, in 1924, and had attended the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia in 1924 and also from 1925 to 1928.

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Marital Status

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The records of [Confidential Informant T-1,] another government agency, indicate that I. F. STONE married ESTHER ROISMAN in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on July 7, 1929.

Three children have been born to this marriage and they are

[redacted], born [redacted] 1932; [redacted] born [redacted] 1935, and [redacted] born [redacted] 1937.

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Employment

The 1950-51 edition of "Who's Who in America" disclosed that STONE had been employed as a reporter for the "Haddonfield Public Press", the "Camden Courier Post", the "Philadelphia Inquirer", 1922--1931; editorial writer, "Philadelphia Record", 1931--1933; the "New York Post", 1933--1939; assistant editor, "The Nation", 1938--1940; Washington editor of "The Nation", 1940--1946; Washington correspondent for "PM", October, 1941; Washington editor, "PM", 1946; columnist, "New York Star", 1948.

Investigation has indicated that I. F. STONE is now a columnist for the New York "Daily Compass" in New York City.

Residences

From September, 1940 until October, 1950, I. F. STONE and his wife and children resided at 5618 Nebraska Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. Prior to 1940 he resided at 6836 Kessell Street, Forest Hills, Long Island, New York. Since August, 1951, STONE has resided at 1133 Park Avenue, New York City. The STONES have a summer residence at Ocean Beach, Fire Island, New York.

Status of Health

On January 7, 1944, I. F. STONE was examined for service in the United States Armed Forces and was rejected as physically unfit by the Armed Forces for defective vision and probable bronchial asthma.

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[Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, a former Communist, advised that he has been acquainted with I. F. STONE for the past 15 or 20 years. When this informant first met STONE the latter was employed on the "Philadelphia Record". This informant advised that subsequently, STONE was employed by the "New York Post" and is now employed with the "Daily Compass". The informant said that STONE was not a member of the Communist Party when he first met him but during the mid 1930's STONE did become a member of the Communist Party. The informant stated that he received information substantiating STONE'S membership in the Communist Party not only from Communist Party functionaries such as ISRAEL ANTER and JACK STACHEL, but also from STONE'S brother, MARCUS. The informant also advised that STONE assisted the Communist Party by aiding in the preparation of attacks on enemies of the Communist Party.]

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, a former Communist Party member, advised that while he was an active member of the Communist Party, he had been associated with numerous "Communist front" organizations. He recalled that while in the Communist Party he attended many of the functions of the "Communist front" groups and he had met and observed I. F. STONE in attendance at some of these meetings. He stated, therefore, that he considered I. F. STONE to be a Communist because only members of the Communist Party were permitted to attend some of these meetings.

The same informant said that although he considered STONE to be a Communist he observed that on occasions STONE has deviated from the Communist Party line and, as a result, had been criticized in the "Daily Worker" by foreign editor JOSEPH STAROBIN. This indicated to the informant that although STONE was a Communist, he was not under the complete control and domination of the Communist Party, but in view of his established eminence as a writer the Communist Party tolerated these infrequent deviations. STONE impressed this informant as being completely pro-Soviet and a staunch supporter of Russia.

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[Confidential Informant T-4,] of known reliability, a former member of the Communist Party, advised that during the mid 1930's, while he was active in a "Communist front" group, he associated with and solicited I. F. STONE for favorable editorial comment. The informant pointed out that at that time STONE was employed as an editorial writer for the "New York Evening Post" and was able to assist "Communist front" groups by reporting on their activities in a favorable light.

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[Confidential Informant T-5,] of known reliability, advised that he knew I. F. STONE who was a columnist for "PM" and also for the "Daily Compass". This informant stated that at times STONE agrees with the Communist Party line and that other times he disagrees. Informant said that STONE has been criticized by the Communist Party press for these deviations from the Communist Party line.

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[Confidential Informant T-6,] of known reliability, furnished information on October 26, 1950, indicating that I. F. STONE was among those who condemned the verdict and demanded bail for the eleven convicted leaders of the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, advised that during the 15th National Convention of the Communist Party held in New York City, December 28-31, 1950, JOHN GATES, the editor of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, read a report on Party vigilance, during which he said, "A struggle must be conducted against such miserable instances as that of I. F. STONE, columnist for the 'New York Compass', who discovered Utopia in Tito's Yugoslavia. He found freedom there he says contrary to that of the Soviet Union." (X)

Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, advised on July 13, 1951 that bail for DASHIELL HAMMETT was being posted by I. F. STONE. (X)

DASHIELL HAMMETT, along with FREDERICK VANDERBILT FIELD, was held in contempt of court for refusal to reveal identities of those people who contributed to the bail fund of the Civil Rights Congress. HAMMETT was a trustee of the Civil Rights Congress.

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The Civil Rights Congress is an organization declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Confidential Informant T-9, of known reliability, advised that during the late 1940's, I. F. STONE was frequently in contact with DAVID WAHL, the former Washington, D. C. representative of the American-Jewish Conference. (X) u

Confidential Informant T-3 has identified WAHL as being a member of the Communist Party underground movement which operated in Washington, D. C., during the early 1940's. (X) u

Confidential Informant T-10, of known reliability, advised that during the late 1940's, I. F. STONE was well acquainted with DICK SASULY, who was then employed as a Washington representative for the Federated Press. (X) u

[Confidential Informant T-11,] of known reliability, advised in August, 1950, that during the late 1940's he considered DICK SASULY to be a member of the Communist Party and he based this evaluation on personal conversations he had with SASULY during 1948. (X) u

Confidential Informant T-10 advised that in 1946 STONE was personally acquainted with DUNCAN LEE and with CHARLES KRAMER. This informant stated that KRAMER was sufficiently well acquainted with STONE to be invited by STONE to a hide-away that was then being used by STONE in Washington, D. C., while he was working on his book "Underground in Palestine". (X) u

ELIZABETH BENTLEY, former Soviet Agent, in testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities during the summer of 1948, identified two Communist espionage groups composed of government employees and officials in Washington, D. C. Among the members of these groups, Miss BENTLEY identified DUNCAN LEE, former employee of OSS, and CHARLES KRAMER, former employee of the National Relations Board, OPA.

Confidential Informant T-8 advised on July 31, 1951, that I. F. STONE had a tentative dinner date on that evening with SI GERSON, Chairman of the Legislative Bureau, New York State Communist Party, and MARION BACHRACH, Public (X) u

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Relations Director, Communist Party, USA. The informant later advised that MARC . STONE, brother of subject, and ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN of the National Committee of the Communist Party, USA, might join this dinner group. ~~(S)~~

Confidential Informant T-12, of known reliability, advised that while in Washington, D. C., I. F. STONE was well acquainted with ROB HALL, the Washington correspondent for the "Daily Worker". On one occasion in February, 1949, this informant advised that STONE was invited by HALL to attend a luncheon which would also be attended by JOSEPH STAROBIN, foreign editor of the "Daily Worker", and MALCOLM HOBBS, a Washington, D. C. reporter for the Overseas News Agency. ~~(S)~~

Confidential Informant T-13, of known reliability, who is familiar with certain of the membership of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia, advised that MALCOLM HOBBS was a member of the Communist Party in Washington, D. C. ~~(S)~~

Confidential Informant T-12 also advised in June, 1949, STEVE NELSON, former Communist Party organizer in the San Francisco, California area, testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. After leaving this hearing, the informant stated that NELSON arranged with MEL FISKE, reporter for the "Daily Worker", to have the results of his hearing furnished to I. F. STONE. ~~(S)~~

Confidential Informant T-14, of known reliability, advised that during 1949-50, I. F. STONE maintained a close relationship with TRAVIS HEDRICK, who was then employed by the USSR "Information Bulletin", an official publication of the Soviet Government in Washington, D. C. This informant stated that on occasions, HEDRICK supplied STONE with information and data secured through his position with this Soviet publication. ~~(S)~~

Confidential Informant T-15, of known reliability, identified TRAVIS HEDRICK as a member of the Communist Party. ~~(S)~~

Confidential Informant T-16, of known reliability, advised in 1949 that I. F. STONE, 5618 Nebraska Avenue, Washington, D. C., had been recently in contact with AGNES SMEDLEY, who was then residing in Palisades, New York. ~~(S)~~

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Regarding AGNES SMEDLEY, Confidential Informant T-17, of known reliability, advised that from 1928 to 1933, SMEDLEY was closely associated with RICHARD SORGE, self-admitted head of a Russian espionage ring operating in China. According to the informant, members of this ring were apprehended by Japanese police in October, 1941, at which time SORGE and others gave statements to the police that AGNES SMEDLEY had been an active and important figure in the espionage activities of the ring during 1928 to 1933. AGNES SMEDLEY is now deceased.

The "Daily Worker" for August 2, 1947, page 7, column 4, under "Letters From Our Readers", reflects the following letter:

"Editor, 'Daily Worker':

"May I take my hat off in the pages of the 'Daily Worker' to JOSEPH BRODSKY? I didn't know him well but I liked him immensely. He fought a battle his whole life long on the toughest fronts in America and served justice and the working class faithfully in accordance with his lights. I should like to add my own humble salute to his gallantry and devotion.

"I. F. STONE"

The "Daily Worker" for July 31, 1947, page 5, column 1, indicates that JOSEPH BRODSKY was a charter member of the Communist Party.

ALLAN MAX, Managing Editor of the "Daily Worker", wrote an article in the July 21, 1950 issue, page 7, column 1, in which he attacks I. F. STONE of the New York "Daily Compass" for pretending to be "in the middle" when he actually is siding with the United States on the Korean war situation.

The July 9, 1951 issue of the "Daily Worker" carried an article captioned "STONE Defends FIELD'S Silence on Bail Lenders". According to this article, STONE wrote that FREDERICK V. FIELD had a "moral obligation not to disclose the names of the many good people who supplied the bail funds of the Civil Rights Congress. The government

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"wants the names for no good purpose. It wants the names as part of its campaign to terrorize the Left and to make it more and more difficult for accused Leftists to enjoy the rights granted other accused persons. It wants to do by terroristic means what it is ashamed to do by legalistic means."

Speeches

JAFRC

[Confidential Informant T-18, of known reliability, furnished a letter on the stationery of the Communist Party of New York State dated March 4, 1949. This letter was addressed to all branches and was signed by the Chairman, ROBERT THOMPSON. It stated:

"The next few weeks are critical for Franco Spain and for you... With the April session of the U.N. General Assembly scheduled to open in New York and with the State Department and its allies determined to bring Franco into the U.N., it is necessary for the people of New York especially to rally against such a move. The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, as part of its campaign, has called a meeting in Manhattan Center for April 4th. Among the speakers will be I. F. STONE. It is extremely important that this meeting be a success. Therefore, I urge your complete support and active participation for the rally.

"Comradely yours,
BOB THOMPSON, Chairman"

[Confidential Informant T-19, of known reliability, advised of the "Caucus For Peace" meeting, which was sponsored by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee and held at Manhattan Center, New York City, April 4, 1949. According to this informant, I. F. STONE was one of the speakers and he spoke as follows:

"I told a friend in Washington--I am not a liberal, I am a G-- d--- Red. I think it is a duty to help all left organizations held subversive by Attorney General CLARK.

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"Nothing is as subversive as the conduct of Attorney General CLARK. If we don't help left organizations all of us are heading for a great deal of trouble. We are not scared to thumb our noses (at CLARK and the government)."

Informant continued that in referring to the preamble to the Atlantic Pact, STONE said, "It ought not to be thrown around by a lot of d--- politicians." He further said that the Atlantic Pact means, "In a year or so if there is an internal revolt, Franco can get arms. If they arm Franco they are also arming the forces that are the enemies of democracy and freedom right here in the United States. There's a tough time coming--a test for all of us. You've got to be ready to stand up to this kind of test. In my opinion it is as central a fight today as it was back in 1936."

According to this informant, STONE said that he was glad to see everyone in the hall in spite of "press terror". He said, "Thumb your noses at the b----- every time you come to this type of meeting." STONE said he was pro-Socialism, pro-Communist, and for democracy and peace.

Confidential Informant T-20, of known reliability, advised that he attended a freedom rally sponsored by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee at Manhattan Center, New York City, on April 12, 1950. According to the informant, I. F. STONE was among the speakers at this rally. The informant said that I. F. STONE came in with a midget carrying a big red card. STONE said he was one of the card-carrying Communists he had picked up in the State Department. STONE greeted the audience as fellow Communists and FBI Agents. STONE said that Washington needed more "Reds" and referred to Washington as "the city I have the misfortune to live in." He said that people bring in revolutions and the Reds now under attack are part of the American machine called government. He said that "We owe those Reds a great deal of gratitude."

Confidential Informant T-21, of known reliability, advised that he attended this rally at Manhattan Center in New York City on April 12, 1950, which was sponsored by the JAFRC. He reported that one of the speakers was I. F. STONE.

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According to this informant, during his speech STONE said "Socialism will triumph" and he ended his speech by saying that the sentenced men are not going to prison because of what they are or represent but because all of them are fighting for liberty.

Confidential Informant T-22, of known reliability, also attended the rally at Manhattan Center on April 12, 1950, which was sponsored by the JAFRC. This informant stated that I. F. STONE of the "New York Compass" was among the speakers. He stated that STONE came on stage accompanied by a midget carrying a large red card. He said, "This is a Red in the State Department." (X) u

Informant also declared that STONE stated, "One is not proud to live in Washington these days" and "Those called Reds in Washington today are those who make democracy live... I believe in the coming of Socialism... Socialism is coming and the fight for peace is a part of it..." He further declared that "The 25 are going to jail for the freedom of America... So all of us must fight for their freedom. In conclusion I just want to say: In face of a fire, walk don't run. Stand firm. Fight." (X) u

The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee is an organization declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

NCASP

Confidential Informant T-20 advised that he attended an "open forum on Korea" sponsored by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions on August 3, 1950. Among the speakers was I. F. STONE. According to the informant, the subject stated as follows:

"I am sorry but I must say the North Koreans attack the South Koreans. I am sorry to say that the South Koreans had to defend themselves from aggression. No one can honestly believe it was a provocation and aggression by South Korea. I cannot believe the attack of the North Koreans was not made without the clearance of the USSR. The fight for peace cannot be made with Cominform tripe, you cannot feed that to the United States people, you won't get anywhere. You cannot

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"have peace by taking only one side and cheer for our side. I don't believe the unification of Korea would have prevented the war. This war is not a Korean affair. It is an affair between the United States and the USSR. The USSR is not better than the United States capitalists, both governments want the markets of the world. God help any country occupied by the Russians or the Americans. The world should take the problems from the United States and USSR hands and turn it over to the Asiatics. Both the United States and the USSR want to put across their way of life in other countries. There is hypocrisy on both sides. They should let things to the Asiatics and get the hell out of there. The USSR has violated the UN as much as the United States, don't kid yourself. Had the United States written off Korea the USSR would have taken it. The United States cannot police the whole world. United States boys dying in Korea is a d--- shame. The Pentagon is a shameful bunch of dumb people. Our generation has been taught to hate the Russians. We are fortunate we don't have a Russian Napoleon. It is all right I guess to think everything Russia and the United States stands for is all right, maybe it is necessary to have people like this, but people like me are also necessary. We might be pushed out of Korea and we'll have a tough fight to get back. Guerrillas are hard to fight and the Chinese Communists might help them. No one can deny the greatest dirty bunch of bums are the Chinese Comintern Government. No one in Washington has guts to stand up and fight, all they think of is their coming elections." ~~Yes~~

Confidential Informant T-22 attended the above meeting on August 3, 1950. This informant reported that STONE insisted that the Korean war was started by North Korea and not by South Korea. Informant said that STONE stated that the Soviet Union equipped the North Korean Communist forces and that the Soviet Union is behind the North Koreans in this war. STONE then attacked the Soviet Union for trying to impose its will on small countries and he also attacked the United States for its stupid cold war policy against the Soviet Union. He stated that both countries were equally guilty for the present state of affairs. He said that he did not care which side a person was on so long as he was working for the prevention of an atomic war. ~~Yes~~

On February 13, 1950, the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions sponsored a "rally against the H bomb" at Carnegie Hall, New York City. The rally was

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attended by Confidential Informants T-20 and T-21, as well as SAS [redacted] and [redacted]. One of the speakers at this rally was I. F. STONE, who was introduced as a reporter for the "Daily Compass". STONE opened his speech with greetings to the FBI Agents present and said that perhaps he should address the audience as "FBI Agents and fellow subversives".

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STONE said that it appeared to him that the more weapons we produce in the United States the more frightened we become. He then went on with a discussion of Socialism and noted that no country in the world has escaped it. He said that Socialism is inescapable in the United States and that it is just a matter of time. He noted that in the United States everyone is against Socialism and yet everyone wants what can be only attained through Socialism. He noted that revolutions do not come by force and said that they cannot be stopped by force. As an example of this he mentioned the war in China and noted that after years of trying to suppress Socialism by force, the Nationalist regime was nevertheless defeated.

Confidential Informant T-23, of known reliability, advised that a reception was held by the Philadelphia Council of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions on January 20, 1950. According to the informant, the reception was in honor of LOUIS F. MC GABE, who was one of the attorneys for the Communist Party leaders in New York City.

Informant stated that I. F. STONE of the "New York Compass" was among the speakers at the reception. STONE said that the Communist leaders in New York were found guilty of nothing but thinking. Their thoughts, according to STONE, were thoughts regarding only a different political viewpoint. He said that no evidence was presented at the trial showing that the Communist leaders or their counsel did anything to indicate they advocated the overthrow of the United States Government. He said that nowadays in America it is a crime to even think. He continued by saying that the question most important in America today is whether a lawyer can represent a client if the client is accused of being a "Red" or a sympathizer or is accused of belonging to an organization that is thought to be sympathetic to the "Reds". STONE said that this reception was held to honor a

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man who represented men, who had the courage to think, and yet this representative (MC CABE) was thrown in jail for so doing. According to STONE, the Communist leaders in New York were convicted because of their thoughts and yet only one Congressman in Washington had the courage to speak out for these men and against "J. EDGAR HOOVER and his wire-tapping". (S) u

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The July 25, 1951 issue of the "Daily Worker" carried an article entitled "Free Speech Rally Tonight to Hear the Witness". This meeting was to be held at Carnegie Hall, July 25, 1951, and was sponsored by the NCASP. It was further mentioned that I. F. STONE, columnist of the "Daily Compass", would be among the speakers.

The July 27, 1951 issue of the "Daily Worker" contained an article entitled "They Were There to Open up a New Front for Liberty" by the "Daily Worker" columnist JOHN F. NORMAN. In this article NORMAN refers to the rally at Carnegie Hall on July 25, 1951. He quotes STONE as telling this rally that "We are here to fight Fascism. That is what the Smith Act means for America, and we are here to smash it before it smashes America."

STONE was also reported to have told his audience "of America's tradition of 'eminent unrespectability'. You can mark this down--people like ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN and SI GERSON and ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG are going to look a lot more respectable to this country ten years from now. It took a second front to beat Hitler and tonight we are opening up the second front that will beat Fascism here in our own land."

Confidential Informant T-22, by report dated August 2, 1951, advised that a meeting of the NCASP was held on July 25, 1951 at Carnegie Hall, New York City. This informant advised I. F. STONE, columnist of the "New York Compass", was present and spoke. Informant declared STONE said as follows: (S) u

"We are opening tonight a second front in the fight against the Smith Act. We are here to fight Fascism. This is what the Smith Act means for America and we are here to smash it before it smashes America." He stated (S) u

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that the government is fighting against freeing the 17 ~~SECRET~~ Communists on bail "because it is a phony case and the government knows it." He underlined that "Every democratic country in the world has a Communist Party and if we are a democracy, why shouldn't we have one. The Communists are fighting against the Smith Act because they want to save their party. The rest of us are fighting to save America." (X) u

Confidential Informant T-20 also submitted a report on this National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions meeting of July 25, 1951, and he advised that during the speech of I. F. STONE, the latter stated, "You three thousand here makes one feel we are not alone, we are here to thumb our noses at the law... I am a Socialist but respect the rights of others to speak." (X) u

The National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions was cited as a Communist front by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace, arranged by the NCASF and held in New York City on March 25-27, 1949, House report #1954, April 26, 1950.

→ Washington Book Shop

Confidential Informant T-25, of known reliability, advised that STONE addressed a group at the Inspiration House in Washington, D. C., on November 8, 1949, which meeting was under the auspices of the Washington Book Shop. STONE'S topic at this meeting was "The Meaning of the Communist Trial". He began his talk by contrasting the Roosevelt and Truman Administrations. He stated that he could see what happened to the civil rights of the people since the death of Roosevelt and the taking over of that b----- in the White House. STONE stated that the civil rights of the persons present were being taken away and the trial of the eleven top Communists in New York was all proof of that. (X)

STONE praised such groups as the Washington Book Shop, saying that they could spread the real truth. He added, "I joined the Washington Book Shop tonight and have my card here to show for it." (X)

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The Kutcher Civil Rights Committee

Regarding the above committee, the August 30, 1948 issue of "The Militant", weekly publication of the Socialist Workers Party, announced that a national campaign was being launched in defense of JAMES KUTCHER who, it stated, was a legless war veteran threatened with dismissal from his position with the Veterans Administration because of his membership in the Socialist Workers Party.

On December 15, 1949, SAS WILLIAM F. HARTMAN and [redacted] attended a rally sponsored by the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee at the Capitol Hotel in New York City. At this time, I. F. STONE, a member of the National Committee of the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee, was a speaker. He censured the present administration, the FBI, and the loyalty program, and called for an organized and united front to support KUTCHER until he was reinstated in his Veterans Administration job and until Executive Order 9835 of the Attorney General was declared unconstitutional.

The Socialist Workers Party is an organization declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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"The Worker" dated May 22, 1949, section 1, page 13, column 1, advertised a testimonial dinner to the Reverend WILLIAM HOWARD MELISH on May 25, 1949, to be held under the auspices of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. Among the speakers listed was I. F. STONE.

The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

[Confidential Informant T-2 identified Reverend WILLIAM HOWARD MELISH as a concealed member of the Communist Party prior to 1945.

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Confidential Informant T-25 advised that he ~~SECRET~~ attended a meeting of the Progressive Party, which was held at 525 New Jersey Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., on May 25, 1950. I. F. STONE was a speaker. According to the informant, his topic was "The Wave of Scares". STONE made the statement that in this cold war "we're running out of Reds." He said in a sarcastic tone that they would have to "import some more Reds as Republicans as we are running out of them and we'll have nothing to attack." STONE then asked his audience, "What's the matter with the Russians? They are not Christians, they got rid of the rottenest religion in the world." He said that in England they say they have God on their side. STONE was reported by this informant to have stated, "Well we have Tibet." ~~SECRET~~

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He said that Russia has been trying since 1917 to be friendly with this country. He added that "Like people you treat them mean and you get back what you give. If the Russians are mean they have a right to be mean the way we treat them. We had better keep our own doorstep clean. When I hear the Star Spangled Banner I think hell, it's the land of the scared, not the free." ~~SECRET~~

On August 28, 1951, SAS [redacted] and [redacted] of the Philadelphia Office were present at the Colonial Room, Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, and heard a speech by I. F. STONE, correspondent for the "Compass". STONE spoke on the Smith Act explaining that there are a number of laws on the statute books which the United States may use to prosecute subversive individuals. He pointed out that the national Communist leaders were prosecuted under the Conspiracy part of the statute and not under any part which alleges an overt act. He commented that in order for the United States to have a desirable society it was necessary to have people with radical ideas in order that a "middle-of-the-road policy", advantageous to all people be developed.

STONE stated that by prosecuting Communists the Justice Department is attempting to suppress those ideas which are for the making of a better country and that if such ideas are persecuted, this country will be in a worse position than ever before. According to STONE, the Justice

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Department is trying to make it appear that the Communists were getting fair trials when actually they were not. He cited the excessive bail bond required of Communists which is impossible for them to meet as an attempt to prevent the Communists from preparing a defense to the charges. STONE urged those present to contact many people in an attempt to stop these "cooked-up charges", stating that the indications of people's resentment to trials of the Communist leaders was only beginning to display itself and in time it would become stronger and more obvious.

Writings

In an article in the May 22, 1949 issue of the "Daily Compass", I. F. STONE defended GERHARD EISLER and stated that the Supreme Court could yet save America's honor by reversing EISLER'S conviction. *JSW*

Regarding GERHARD EISLER, Confidential Informant T-2 had advised that EISLER was the Number one Communist in the United States. EISLER was convicted of charges of exit permit, fraud, and contempt of Congress in the District of Columbia in 1947, and fled the United States on May 5, 1949.

In the "Daily Compass" for July 1, 1949, I. F. STONE criticizes the Communists, writing that "The Communists are as hysterical about Trotskyites as Red baiters are about Communists."

In the June 22, 1951 issue of the "Daily Compass", STONE, writing under a dateline of June 21st at Washington, D. C., stated, "Among those in the latest Communist arrests are people I know, like, and respect. The spectacle of 70-year old, ailing, ISRAEL AMTER being hailed into court, and of that grand old-timer, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, being taken off in a patrol wagon as menaces to the republic is so disgusting that I find it difficult to write."

I. F. STONE'S column in the "Daily Compass" for November 11, 1951 is entitled "Me and the Red Underground".

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In this column, STONE refers to a weekly column in the "New York Herald Tribune" by OGDEN R. REID. STONE writes: "The 'Red Underground' column has begun to expose the fact that I have been making speeches around the country against the Smith Act. I have heard of more sensational exposes. My views on the Smith Act are hardly a secret. I have written thousands of words about the Act in the last few years. I have made 12 speeches in nine cities against the Act since returning from abroad in June.

"I have been fighting the Smith Act for a long time. The Act was passed late in 1940. The first indictment under it was returned on July 15, 1941. I attacked that indictment and the Smith Act in 'The Nation' of July 26, 1941. That article, 'The G-String Conspiracy', was reprinted by the defense committee. The defendants were then the Minneapolis Trotskyites. The Communist Daily Worker was blindly partisan enough to applaud the prosecutions, as were some of the Communists now themselves on trial.

"Three of my meetings against the Smith Act have turned up in the 'Red Underground' column. The places in which these meetings were held would hardly satisfy a Hollywood director casting a film about the underground. One was in the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia; the second at the Boston Conservatory of Music, and the third at Chopin Hall in Chicago.

"No attempt was made to hide the true character of these meetings. They were not advertised as violin recitals. I did not pretend to be a lecturer sent out by the National Geographic Society. I did not claim to be a card-carrying Republican. The meetings were open to the public. Except for a few jokes in Yiddish, they were carried on in the English language. It takes a rather overheated imagination to list these as 'underground' meetings.

"To put them in a column headed 'Red Underground' is to smear all those who participated; to imply that they took part in something furtive, undercover and sinister; to link them with activities the Department of Justice regards as criminal.

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"The REID column in this way cast a slur on a respected member of the Philadelphia bar, WALTER LONGSTRETH, who was a fellow speaker at the Bellevue-Stratford meeting. LONGSTRETH is a Quaker who has never been counsel for radicals but feels strongly that the Smith Act is unconstitutional. He landed in the 'Red Underground' column, too.

"In a febrile search for hurtful material, the column last Sunday came up with one isolated and garbled sentence from my Chicago speech. I was represented as saying that there was more freedom in the Soviet Union than in the United States. I consider a statement of that kind wholly untrue and politically idiotic. The very fact that I can speak and write as I do rebuts the statement attributed to me."

Confidential Informant T-26, of known reliability, advised in December, 1949 that the editorial staff of the "Daily Compass" is composed in the majority of Communists and Communist sympathizers. This informant described I. F. STONE as pro-Soviet and, in the opinion of this informant, a Communist.

Confidential Informant T-27, a government investigative agency, advised that an article appeared in the June 12, 1949 issue of the "Washington Post". This article reported that ARTHUR HOWARD FAST, in a speech delivered to 450 people in the National Press Auditorium, Washington, D. C., told his audience that the New York trial of the eleven Communist leaders was an "abomination of justice".

This article also reported that TOM BUCHANAN, Legislative Representative and Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress, read a letter directed to this meeting by I. F. STONE. In this letter, STONE hailed the courage of those present to attend such a meeting when the atmosphere of the capitol "stinks with Czarist-style informers and police agents."

This article also mentioned that a spokesman stated that the Communist Party of Washington cooperated with the Washington Book Shop, the Civil Rights Congress, and other groups in sponsoring this meeting.

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Confidential Informant T-14 advised that during 1946 and 1947, I. F. STONE maintained a close relationship with M. S. VAVILOV, who was then serving as the First Secretary of the USSR Embassy in Washington, D. C. ~~(S)~~

In March, 1948, this informant stated that STONE was known to E. P. TUMANTZEV, who was First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy and Chief of the Press Division. ~~(S)~~

In 1949 the informant advised that STONE was also acquainted with Y. M. BRUSLOV, Second Secretary at the Soviet Embassy. ~~(S)~~

MISCELLANEOUS

The May 19, 1942 issue of "New Masses" announced the formation in Washington, D. C. of a "Citizens' Committee to Free EARL BROWDER", then the leader of the Communist Party in the United States. The article indicated that I. F. STONE would be among those who would sign a call and an advertisement for a public meeting of this group on May 22, 1942.

The Citizens' Committee to Free EARL BROWDER has been declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

In May, 1938, the League of American Writers, New York City, published a pamphlet entitled "Writers Take Sides", which contained letters from 418 American authors on the questions "Are you for or are you against Franco and Fascism?" STONE, in an answer to this question, replied in part as follows:

"Should the Loyalists lose we may expect a tidal wave of reaction, obscurantism, race hatred, and thuggery menacing our own lives and our own homes. We must never forget that the barricades in Madrid are barricades everywhere in defense of freedom, of culture, and of humanity."

The League of American Writers has been declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

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Name	ISIDOR FEINSTEIN STONE, was: Isidor Feinstein, I. F. Stone, Izzy Stone
Born	December 4, 1907 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Race	White
Height	5'7"
Weight	155-160 lbs.
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Light
Characteristics	Occasionally wears ear phone (hard of hearing), wears glasses, seldom wears hat
Residence	1133 Park Avenue New York City
Occupation	Columnist for New York "Daily Compass"
Wife	ESTHER STONE

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T-2 LOUIS F. BUDENZ, professor,
Fordham University, New York
City, and former Managing
Editor of the "Daily Worker",
who furnished this information
to former SA [REDACTED]

T-3 C 498 of Washington Field Office.

T-4 [REDACTED] who requested
her identity remain confidential.

T-5 [REDACTED] who furnished this
information to SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

T-6 [REDACTED]

T-7 [NY-611-S.] (c)

T-8 (c) [REDACTED] who advised SA JOHN R.
SWEENEY of the information on
July 13, 1951, and SE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] of the information on
July 31, 1951.

T-9 [REDACTED]

T-10 [REDACTED] (c)

T-11 [REDACTED]
Brooklyn, New York.

T-12 [REDACTED] (c)

T-13 Not used.

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A mail cover on AGNES SMEDLEY.

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IDA, Far Eastern Command.

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[redacted] NY-301-S. (S)

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[redacted] who furnished this information to SA [redacted] by report dated April 9, 1949.

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[redacted] (S) who furnished information to SA FRANK R. LONGO. (S)

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[redacted] (S)

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[redacted] who furnished the information to SA [redacted] by report of April 14, 1950, and furnished report dated August 2, 1951 to SA JOHN W. DOOLEY.

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[redacted] who furnished this information to SA [redacted] of the Philadelphia Office on January 23, 1950.

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Not used.

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Security file, State Department, Washington, D. C.

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A copy of this report is being furnished to the Washington Field Office in view of the fact that that office has been conducting and will conduct additional investigation in this case.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] New York, 12/18/51.
Bureau letter, 12/5/51.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject's Havana, Cuba correspondent DGC possibly identical with DuWAYNE G. CLARK, Economic Counselor, U. S. Embassy, Havana, Cuba. Files of T-1, a Government investigative agency, contain no derogatory data respecting CLARK. In November, 1951, subject visited Washington, D. C. and addressed meeting of the Washington Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights. In speech subject denounced the Smith Act. During December, 1950, subject spoke before the Baltimore Branch of this same committee. T-2, of unknown reliability, but who was a member of a Communist Party newspaper cell in Washington, D. C. during the post war years, had no knowledge that STONE was a Communist. [REDACTED]

and no unusual activity noted.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

DuWAYNE G. CLARK

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that subject received correspondence at his home. (S)

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1133 Park Avenue, New York City on November 1, 1951, from one D.G.C., American Embassy, Havana, Cuba. Personnel files, U. S. Department of State, disclosed that the only individual having the initials D.G.C. and who was attached to the American Embassy at Havana, Cuba during November, 1951, was DuWAYNE G. CLARK. It was also determined that none of the natives employed at the U. S. Embassy in Havana had similar initials. (S)

CLARK was born February 27, 1903, at Charles City, Iowa. He attended the schools in Los Angeles and Santa Anna, California. He was graduated from Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, in 1925 with an A. B. Degree. While at Stanford he majored in history and economics. CLARK identified his parents as ANNA M. HOFFMASTER, a native of Iowa, and FRANK GERALD CLARK. His file revealed in 1929 his mother was known as Mrs. WILLIAM C. BLATZ and resided at 457 Blackstone Avenue, Fresno, California. It was reported that his father was deceased.

CLARK identified his first wife as JULIA HUME CLARK and reported that he had married her on September 6, 1928, at Washington, D. C. It was noted that she was deceased. On November 10, 1937, CLARK married JANE HORTON, a native of Omaha, Nebraska. CLARK identified his children as JULIAN HUME CLARK, who was born to his first wife May 17, 1935, and DuWAYNE G. CLARK II, who was born to his second wife on March 3, 1940.

In a formal application for employment filed with the State Department by CLARK in August, 1939, when he transferred from the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, U. S. Commerce Department, CLARK reported that he had been employed as a cashier and underwriter by the Mutual Insurance Agency, 1301 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. from August 1, 1925, to September 1, 1927. During this period CLARK also attended Georgetown and George Washington Universities in Washington, D. C. but did not receive any degree.

On September 1, 1927, CLARK was appointed to the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce at Washington, D. C. He remained in Washington until September, 1929, when he was transferred to Johannesburg, South Africa as an Assistant Trade Commissioner. He continued in that capacity until August 29, 1933, when he was released due to a reduction in force. He was re-employed by the Commerce Department on November 20, 1933, and assigned to the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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District Office of this Bureau. On August 20, 1934, CLARK was designated Assistant Trade Commissioner at Buenos Aires, Argentina. He remained there until January 1, 1938, when he was transferred to Paris, France, as a Trade Commissioner. On June 16, 1939, CLARK was assigned to San Sebastian, Spain, as an Assistant Commercial Attache. On September 9, 1939, he was designated Assistant Commercial Attache at Madrid, Spain. He formally transferred from the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce on July 1, 1939. CLARK remained in Spain until early 1942 and since then has served as Commercial Attache at Asuncion Paraguay, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Rio de Janeiro and at Washington, D. C. On July 1, 1950, CLARK was transferred from the Department at Washington and designated Economic Counselor, U. S. Embassy, Havana, Cuba, which is his present assignment.

His file contained no additional pertinent data and no derogatory information.

The files of T-1, a Government investigative agency, contained no derogatory data with respect to CLARK.

WASHINGTON COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE BILL
OF RIGHTS

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, has advised the following were officers of this Committee:

Chairman:	MARCUS GOLDMAN
Secretary:	HELEN GUREWITZ
Treasurer:	HERMAN CLOTT
Publicity:	JOHN B. STONE
Sponsors:	EMMA ROBINSON and MORRIS MURRAY.

With respect to the above mentioned officers of this Committee, Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, has advised that GUREWITZ, STONE and ROBINSON were members of the Communist Party of the District of Columbia. This informant advised that this Committee has for its purpose the repeal of the Smith Act and in addition assists in raising bond for the jailed Communists in Baltimore and Washington, D. C. With respect to MARCUS GOLDMAN, T-5 stated that he is a retired U. S. Government employee who possesses considerable wealth and is the "angel" in numerous ventures and organizations which have the blessing of the Communist Party.

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According to T-4, [redacted] of the Communist Party for the District of Columbia, were among those who met on [redacted] at which time it was proposed that this subject be obtained as a speaker for a public meeting of the Committee which was to be held at the Odd Fellows Hall in Washington on November 14, 1951. (S)

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During the evening of November 14, 1951, Special Agents [redacted], and [redacted] observed subject entering Odd Fellows Hall, 9th and T Streets, N. W. at 9:15 P. M. At 11:45 P. M. subject was observed to leave this Hall in the company of MARCUS GOLDMAN.

With respect to this meeting, Confidential Informant T-6, a reliable informant, advised that STONE addressed the meeting. During the course of his speech he admitted that he was a Socialist but made the observation that despite a person being a Socialist, a Communist or the like he should not be persecuted and prosecuted for his political beliefs. STONE stated that in his opinion the Government had no case against the Communists (who were charged for violation of the Smith Act) and endeavored to point out that the Government had failed to prove their case and was using hearsay evidence.

According to the informant, ROY WOOD, Chairman of the Communist Party for the District of Columbia, and MARCUS GOLDMAN also spoke. Informant stated that approximately two hundred people attended this meeting and the Committee secured donations amounting to \$570.00 in cash and \$196.00 in pledges. Informant said that among those present were ROB HALL, Washington Representative of the Communist publication of the Daily Worker, ANN YALOM, HELEN SHONICK, BILL SHONICK, SALLY PEEK, GERTRUDE EVANS, EMMA ROBINSON and BERT FELTER.

T-5, previously identified, identified the foregoing as members of the Communist Party in Washington, D. C.

On December 12, 1951, T-7, of known reliability, advised that he had learned from ROB HALL that STONE was very much pleased by the enthusiastic reception that had been given to him for his treatment of the Smith Act during his recent lecture tour. T-7 said that STONE described all his audiences as enthusiastic with the exception of the group that he addressed in Syracuse, New York. (S)

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According to this informant, STONE had visited in Washington on December 12, 1951, just prior to a scheduled appearance in Baltimore on December 12, 1951. Informant learned that STONE had been booked to address the Baltimore Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights on December 12, 1951. HALL, according to T-7, mentioned to STONE that he believed that Attorney General J. HOWARD McGRATH would be dismissed from his position and would be replaced by F.B.I. Director, J. EDGAR HOOVER. T-7 said that STONE commented to HALL on this observation that it was his hope that this would come to pass as he would rather have HOOVER working on such an assignment rather than on radicals. (S)

On December 13, 1951, T-7 learned from HALL that information had been received from GEORGE MYERS, Chairman, Baltimore Communist Party, that four hundred Negro and white citizens of Baltimore had attended a meeting held at the Odd Fellows Hall in Baltimore on December 12, 1951, in protest of the Smith Act. MYERS mentioned that STONE, DALLAS F. NICHOLAS, an Attorney and resident of Baltimore were the featured speakers. Informant reported that NICHOLAS was a member of the Baltimore School Board and a leader of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Baltimore. (S)

Confidential Informant T-8, of unknown reliability, but who has admitted membership in a newspaper cell of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia during the late 1940's, advised that she was not personally acquainted with STONE and had never met him. This informant was unable to furnish the names of any of STONE'S close associates or contacts in this area but did advise that at various times STONE had been the subject of conversations by various members of the newspaper cell of the Communist Party. According to this informant, STONE was belittled as "half baked" and not able to follow through his ideas and develop them to a logical conclusion. T-8 said that it was generally conceded that when STONE was good in his newspaper column he was very good and when he was bad he was very poor. T-8 considered this analysis of STONE by the newspaper cell to be a typical two-way approach which the cell members used in referring to persons who were not one hundred per cent with them.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

Confidential Informant T-9, of known reliability, who is associated with the [redacted]

[redacted] made available to Special Agent J. BERNARD

COOK. [redacted]

[redacted] These records, which are available only upon the presentation of a subpoena to [redacted] disclose that [redacted]

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With respect to MARC STONE who [REDACTED] this individual is subject's brother and has been previously identified in this investigation.

Concerning PAUL WOOTON [REDACTED] the 1950 - 1951 Who's Who in America reports that WOOTON was born Clinton County, Indiana, May 8, 1881. Since 1914 WOOTON has been a Washington Correspondent for the New Orleans Times Picayune. WOOTON was identified in

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this account as the former president of the National Press Club and Ex-President, Overseas Writers and a member of the National Press Club in Washington, D. C. His residence was listed as 3016 Tilden Street, N. W., and it was also mentioned that he had an office in the National Press Building.

Confidential Informant T-10, of known reliability, advised that WOOTON is the Dean of the Press Correspondents assigned to the White House. This informant has advised that WOOTON is an extremely influential American Correspondent and is regarded by his associates as one of the most respected and responsible newspapermen in the Nation's Capitol.

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T-1 - Security Division, State Department.

T-2 - Mail cover maintained on subject's residence in New York City. ~~(S)~~

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T-8 - [redacted] whose identity is being protected inasmuch as he is currently furnishing information of value to this office. ~~(S)~~

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THE NEW YORK DIVISION:

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK:

Will review office indices and report pertinent information concerning the following [redacted]

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Will review files pertaining to the subject at the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in an effort to secure information respecting subject's income during 1944.

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THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.:

Will continue to examine [redacted]
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[redacted] in an effort to
determine STONE'S sources of income.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated
January 31, 1952, at New York.
Report of Special Agent FRANCIS J. DUANE dated
November 16, 1951, at Washington, D. C.

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